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IN MEMORIAM

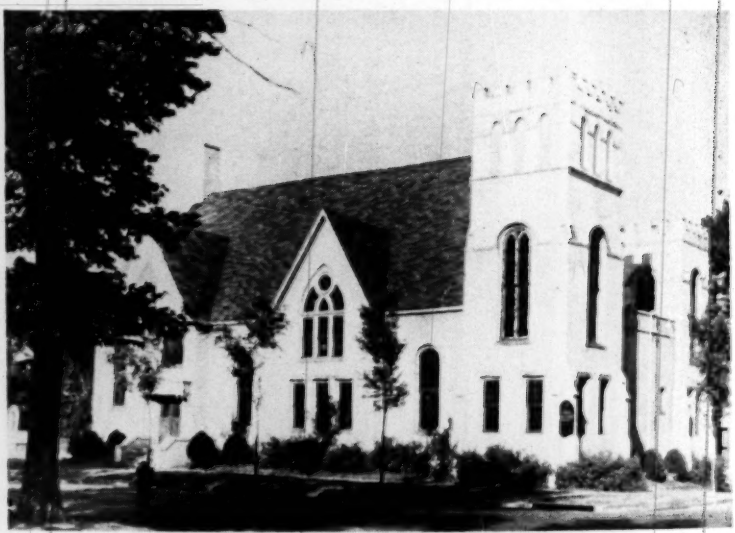
The Rev. S. A. Hamrick

August 16, 1902

January 19, 1943

"Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world."
John 17:24

The Host Church



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CALENDAR OF CAUSES

THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Month or Day	Cause	Board or Agency
September	Parish Education	Parish and Church School Board
October	Social Missions	Board of Social Missions
November	Stewardship	Lutheran Laymen's Movement
December	Christian Ministry, Bd. of Ministerial Pensions and Relief	
January	Foreign Missions	Board of Foreign Missions
February	American Missions	Board of American Missions
April	Christian Higher Education	Board of Education
May	World Lutheranism	Lutheran World Convention
June	Deaconess Work	Board of Deaconess Work

TWO MILLION DOLLAR INCOME OBJECTIVE OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA FOR 1942-43

	Percentage
Board of Foreign Missions	30.00
Board of American Missions	36.50
Board of Education	9.45
Board of Social Missions	2.00
Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief	12.64
Board of Deaconess Work	2.45
Parish and Church School Board	1.22
National Lutheran Council	1.25
American Bible Society	.25
United Lutheran Church Treasury	4.24
	100.00%

APPORTIONMENT BUDGET OF THE KANSAS SYNOD, 1942

United Lutheran Church Treasury	$2.50
Midland College	.85
Synodical Home Missions	.40
Tabitha Home	.25
Kansas Synod Lutheran	.15
Ministerial Education	.25
Synodical Treasury	.60
TOTAL	$5.00

THE 1943 APPORTIONMENT TABLE

Basis: $5.00 per Communicant Member

Congregation	Communing Membership	Apportionment
Abilene	228	$1,140.00
Atchison	346	$1,730.00
Beloit	98	490.00
Bendena	159	795.00
Bunkerhill—Mt. Zion	30	150.00
Chapman	65	325.00
Emporia	130	650.00
Eureka	127	635.00
Ft. Smith, Arkansas	64	320.00
Glasco	117	585.00
Greenleaf, Trinity	75	375.00
Greenleaf, St. Paul	55	275.00
Hays	132	660.00
Hutchinson	164	820.00
K. C., Kansas, Trinity	211	1,055.00
K. C., Missouri, Children's Memorial	195	975.00
K. C., Missouri, St. Mark's	260	1,300.00
Lancaster	70	350.00
Langdon, Mo.	111	555.00
Lawrence	447	2,235.00
Long Island	15	75.00
New Cambria, St. Paul	30	150.00
New Cambria, Peace	50	250.00
Norcatur	15	75.00
Oklahoma City	100	500.00
Peabody	140	700.00
Perth	30	150.00
Rockport, Mo.	222	1,110.00
St. Joseph, Mo.	533	2,665.00
Salina	701	3,505.00
Sedalia, Mo. Cole Camp	89	445.00
Sedalia, Mo. Trinity	84	420.00
Topeka	215	1,075.00
Tulsa, Oklahoma	260	1,300.00
Valley Falls	62	310.00
Wakeeney	115	575.00
Waterville, St. Mark's	171	855.00
Waterville, First	23	115.00
Wellington	57	285.00
Wichita	490	2,450.00
Wilson-Excelsior	62	310.00
Totals	6,548	$32,740.00

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Bard, Andreas, D.D., Litt.D., 3743 Harrison, K. C., Mo.	1891	St. Mark's	
Beil, Alfred J., 18 East 13th, Lawrence, Kansas	1923	Trinity	O. T. Davis
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Close, Paul B., Valley Falls, Kansas	1942	St. Paul's	Vanderpool
deFreese, K., D.D., Peabody, Kansas	1916	St. Paul's	
Ebright, O. W., D.D., Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Nebraska	1919	Supt. Home	
Eller, George W., 613 Mill, Beloit, Kansas	1925	Zion	Ed Wrench
Ensrud, Lt. Col. J. O., Office Ch. of Chaplains, Wash. D.C.	1912	Chaplain	
Frobenius, Reno R., 10th and Charles Sts., St. Joseph, Mo.	1930	First	
Gaston, Robert E., 313 No. Elm, Eureka, Kansas	1930	Christ	Marshall
Gilmer, E. H., New Cambria, Kansas	1911	Peace St. Paul's	
Gilmer, 1st Lt. Max	1935	Chaplain	
Groseclose, A. L., 810 N. Mich. Ave., Pasedena, Cal. (rtd)	1911	Retired	
Harrison, E. R., 1015 N. Washington, Hutchinson, Kansas	1932	Zion	
Havekost, Alvin D., 1207 Fort St., Hays, Kansas	1935	Trinity	Frank Hall
Jensen, Samuel W., 912 So. Osage, Sedalia, Mo.		Trinity	Q. A. Morgan
Klover, Capt. W. Wilbur	1931	Chaplain	
Lantz, B. R., D.D., 310 S. 7th St., Salina, Kansas	1898	St. John's	Paul Darby
McConnell, D. L., Rockport, Mo.	1914	First St. Peter's	R. Cooper
McCulloch, J. A., D.D., 2710 Blue Ridge Blvd., K. C., Mo.	1897	Children's Memorial	C. B. Roades
Messer, J. Ernest, Greenleaf, Kansas	1932	Trinity St. Paul's	Chas. Plummer, Sr.
Moeller, Walter H., 1309 Tullumne St., Vallejo, Calif.	1931	B.A.M. Missionary	
Mykland, G. K., Chapman, Kansas	1911	Shearer Memorial	Ira T. Koogle
Oelke, 1st Lt. Otto K.		Chaplain (on leave)	
Pett, Herbert H., Lancaster, Kansas	1937	St. John's	Theodore Kloepper
Rangeler, Ralph E., 5th and Harrison, Topeka, Kansas	1919	First	Clyde Tressner
Schaub, G. C., Ph.D., Wakeeney, Kansas	1898	Retired (supply)	
Search, George L., Waterville, Kansas	1932	St. Mark's First	
Stauffer, E. E., D.D., 839 N. Market, Wichita, Kansas	1897	St. Paul's	
Swihart, C. N., D.D., RFD 2, Box 240, Okla. City (P.em.)	1902	Retired (supply)	
Tonsing, Ernest F., 206 W. 7th St., Emporia, Kansas	1936	St. John's	
Weist, C. F., D.D., 503 W. 7th St., Hays, Kan.	1898	Retired (P. Em.)	
Whittecar, George R., 324 W. 5th St., Tulsa, Okla.	1935	First	Fred Stotts
Zabel, 1st Lt. Norbert	1939	Chaplain	
VACANT CONGREGATIONS REPORTING LAY DELEGATES			
Glasco, Kansas; St. Paul's (pastor on leave)			Albert Grittman
Kansas City, Kansas; Trinity (supplied by Rev. W. I. Guss)			X. C. Miller
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; First (supplied by Rev. C. N. Swihart)			Fred Trepp
Wellington, Kansas; St. John's (supplied by Rev. G. N. Mendenhall)			Levi Dunlap

MINUTES

of the

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF KANSAS AND ADJACENT STATES

First English Lutheran Church, Topeka, Kansas

May 4-6, 1943

The Seventy-fifth annual meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States was opened with the Service of Holy Communion in First English Lutheran Church, Topeka, Kansas, at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 1943. Liturgist was the Rev. George L. Search, Secretary of the Synod; and the Rev. George R. Whittecar, President of the Synod preached the Communion Sermon. Delegates and visitors participated in the communion.

The First Session, May 4, 1943

Following the Service of Holy Communion, the Seventy-fifth annual meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States was formally opened by the President, and the Convention was called to order.

Lay delegates were introduced and the Clerical Roll of Synod was established. Conference Presidents were instructed to record attendances of their separate Conferences at all sessions of Synod and to rport their records to the Secretary.

The following laymen, not delegates of Congregations but active on committees of the Synod, were introduced: Fred Kloepper, Lancaster, a member of the Executive Committee; Wayne Easterday, Topeka, Statistician of the Syond.

Clerical personnel of the Convention Committees was announced by the President who announced that laymen on these committees would be appointed later.

The Rev. R. E. Rangeler, host pastor, welcomed the Synod to First English Lutheran Church, Topeka, Kansas.

The motion was made and carried to adopt the program as printed in the Pre-convention Bulletin.

The motion was made and carried that convention boundaries be designated as the first seven pews on either side of the church.

The Synod recessed until 1:15 p.m., Chaplain J. E. Messer leading the Synod in prayer.

The Second Session, May 4,1943

The Synod assembled at 1:15 p.m. for the Second Session, and was led in devotion by the Convention Chaplain.

The following visitors were introduced to Synod and a motion was made and carried that they be made advisory members. The Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., supply pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Kansas; the Rev. John C. Hershey, D. D., Fremont, Nebraska, President of the Synod of Nebraska; the Rev. T. D. Rinde, D. D., Fremont, Nebraska, Dean of Western Thelogical Seminary; the Rev. Allen Clay Lambert, Altoona, Penn.

The report of the Examining Committee was submitted and adopted.

Report of the Examining Committee

"The Rev. Otto K. Oelke and the Rev. Herbert Pett, formerly of the Synod of the Midwest and the Rev. Samuel W. Jensen, formerly of the Illinois Synod, have been dismissed to this Synod by the President of their respective Synods. We find their transfers regular and your Examining Committee recommends that they be received officially.

B. R. Lantz, Convener"

The Rev. Herbert Pett, Lancaster, and the Rev. Samuel W. Jensen, Sedalia, Mo., were formally received by the President, and the President declared the Rev. Otto K. Oelke, Glasco, who is absent on leave, also a member of the Synod.

The Presidents' Reports were submitted and referred to the Committee on President's Report for action on Wednesday.

Report Of The President

"Grace be unto you, and peace, from God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ." Fathers and Brethren in Christ Jesus:

I assumed the office of the President of the Synod on August 17, when elected by the Executive Committee to replace the Rev. W. Wilbur Klover, who that day resigned to enter the Chaplains Corps of the United States Army. The following is a summary of my official acts and of conditions in the synod as they have come to my attention.

Vacant Parishes

Pastorial vacancies have constituted a continuous problem. At one

time in January we had 16 of our 41 congregations without regularly installed pastors, and the situation is only little better now.

Atchison, St. Mark's—The parish became vacant with Pastor S. A. Hamrick passed into the Church Triumphant Jan. 19.

Bendena, St. John's—Pastor R. E. Gaston resigned November 23 to accept a call to Christ Church, Turega. The pastorate is vacant.

Bunkerhill-Wilson Parish—Pastor Max Gilmer resigned and entered the United States Army chaplaincy about August 1. The pastorate is vacant.

Cole Camp, United—The parish is supplied by the Rev. W. C. Miller, minister of the California Synod. (See below).

Eureka, Christ—Pastor R. R. Pfeiffer resigned in August to accept a call to Emerson, Nebraska. Pastor R. E. Gaston was called, effective November 23. He was installed by the Rev. E. R. Harrison, Dec. 10.

Fort Smith, St. Luke's—Pastor Norbert Zabel resigned to enter the chaplaincy in the United States Army October 18. Dr. J. E. Hummon was assigned by the Board of American Missions to supply the pulpit beginning January 1. The pastorate is vacant.

Glasco, St. Paul's—Pastor Otto K. Oelke, who assumed charge of the parish early in June, was granted leave of absence by the congregation to serve in the United States Army as a chaplain, beginning March 1. Pastor George Eller of Beloit is serving as supply pastor.

Kansas City, Trinity—Pastor W. Wilbur Klover entered the chaplaincy September 3. Dr. W. I. Guss was assigned by the Board of American Missions to serve until the pastorate is filled. Pastor Klover's resignation was accepted, effective October 31. The pastorate is vacant.

Lancaster, St. John's—Pastor A. W. Malin resigned October 31 to accept a call to Lake Geneva, Wis., Warburg Synod. Pastor Herbert Pett, Midwest Synod, accepted a call effective March 1. He was installed by Secretary George L. Search on March 22.

Long Island—The pastorate is vacant.

Norcatur, St. Mark's—The pastorate is vacant. Arrangements have been made for the Augustana Synod at Herndon to supply. (See Report on Lutheran Home Missions Council).

Oklahoma City, First—The pastorate has been vacant since Feb. 26, 1942. Dr. C. N. Swihart is supplying the congregation under assignment by the President of Synod.

Perth, St. James'—Pastorate is vacant. Missouri Synod minister from Argonia supplies occasionally. The cooperative arrangement

with the Presbyterian church continues.

Sedalia, Trinity—This church, together with that at Cole Camp became vacant September 1 when Pastor Paul L. Miller resigned to accept a call to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Rev. Samuel W. Jensen, Illinois Synod, accepted a call, effective February 1, and was installed by the President February 11.

St. Joseph, First—Pastor R. D. Kerstetter resigned January 15 to accept a call to Hollywood, Calif. The pastorate is vacant.

Wakeeney, Bethlehem—The pastorate is vacant, although Dr. G. C. Schaub continues faithfully to supply under assignment by our committee on home missions.

Wellington, St. John's—The pastorate has been vacant for a year and a half. Dr. G. N. Mendenhall, member of the Nebraska Synod and professor at Sterling College, supplies bi-weekly.

Summary—Parishes without regularly installed pastors:

Atchison—(Supplied by the Rev. T. D. Rinde).
Bendena.
Bunkerhill-Wilson.
Cole Camp—(Supplied by the Rev. W. C. Miller).
Fort Smith—(Supplied by the Rev. J. E. Hammon, D.D.).
Kansas City, Trinity—(Supplied by the Rev. W. I. Guss, D.D.).
Long Island.
Norcatur—(Supplied by Rev. Hilmer Larson).
Oklahoma City—(Supplied by the Rev. C. N. Swihart, D.D.).
Perth—(Supplied by Missouri Synod pastor).
St. Joseph.
Wakeeney—(Supplied by Dr. G. C. Schaub).

Applications for Admission to Synod

Otto K. Oelke, by transfer from the Midwest Synod.
Samuel W. Jensen, by transfer from the Illinois Synod.
Herbert Pett, by transfer from the Midwest Synod.

These applications have been referred to the Examining Committee for review and report to this convention.

Application for Licensure

William R. Eller, middler in Western Theological Seminary.

This application has been referred to the Examining Committee for report to this convention.

Ministers Deceased

Samuel Arndt Hamrick, January 19, 1943. The Necrology Committee will make fitting reference to his life.

Ministers Dismissed

Rev. R. Pfeiffer, to the Nebraska Synod.
A. W. Malin, to the Wartburg, Synod.
Paul Luther Miller, to the Iowa Synod.
Robert D. Kerstetter to the California Synod.

Ministers Entering Army Chaplaincy

W. Wilbur Klover
Max Gilmer
Norbert Zabel
Otto K. Oelke

Miscellaneous Acts

Appointed men to fill vacancies on committees caused by resignations and removals.

Appointed the Rev. E. R. Harrison to install the Rev. R. E. Gaston at Eureka; also to attend conference called by the Board of Education at Harrisburg, Pa., to discuss matters pertaining to ministerial education.

Visited parishes in the interest of Synod as follows: Oklahoma City, Oct. 6; Nov. 13; Dec. 3; Dec. 9, and Jan. 7; Sedalia, Cole Camp, Nov. 18, and Feb. 11; Atchison, Jan. 21 and Feb. 10.

Attended meeting of Home Missions Committee, Emporia, Oct. 6; and meetings of Regional Missions Council, Topeka, Nov. 19, and Kansas City, Jan. 14.

Attend formal installation of Dean T. Rinde at Western Theological Seminary, and meeting of Midland College Board of Trustees Sept. 16.

Attended as delegate representing the synod the U.L.C.A. convention at Louisville, Ky., Oct. 13-22.

Visited Trinity church, Kansas City, and Trinity, Lawrence, Nov. 1 to make post-convention report.

Presided over meeting of the Executive Committee, Kansas City, Jan. 20.

Appointed the Rev. George L. Search to represent the Synod at funeral services for S. A. Hamrick conducted by the Rev. E. R. Harrison at Atchison Jan. 21.

Approved application to the U.L.C.A. Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief for pension for Mrs. Eleanor H. Hamrick.

Sedalia-Cole Camp

Following the resignation of Pastor L. Miller members of the church at Cole Camp expressed their feeling that the time had come when they could, with some effort, support a pastor of their own

without sharing his time and energies with the other congregation. The Sedalia people were not enthusiastic about this plant, feeling that they would be unable adequately to support a pastor by themselves. Nevertheless, the joint council of the parish voted to separate the parish and is asking the approval of the Synod of such action. The Cole Camp people secured the services of the Rev. W. C. Miller, retired, a member of the California Synod, who they have called as "permanent supply pastor." It is their hope and expectation that they can soon make this an official call. The Sedalia church applied through our mission committee for mission aid on salary so as to be able to support a pastor. The Board of American Missions was unable to receive an application with favor because of an increasing shortage of ministers to maintain its field. Our mission committee then included funds in its recommended budget for 1943 to provide some aid for Sedalia. The Rev. Samuel W. Jensen was called and installed as pastor at Sedalia. In the Executive Committee's report there is a recommendation that the Synod approve the discontinuance of the joint-parish arrangement.

Oklahoma City

Since the last meeting of synod the situation in the Oklahoma City church (also referred to in President Klover's report) developed as follows:

Both the congregation and pastor were officially and formally recognized by the Midwest Synod as members in good standing despite the pending court action and our disciplinary measures aginst Mr. Bloch at our last meeting. Nevertheless the Midwest synod sent an appeal to the Commission of Adjudication of the U.L.C.A. to determine the status of the congregation. President Klover and I (then you secretary) represented the Synod at the meeting of the commission when the matter was discussed at Pittsburg, Pa., June 24-25. The commission declined to answer the propounded questions categorically, referring the matter to the civil court for decision. The Court announced its decision in mid-November, declaring that the congregation still belonged to the Kansas Synod and that those members recognized by the Synod as remaining loyal to the Synod were the lawful congregation. An injunction prohibiting the defendant, F. H. Bloch and his church council, from exercising control over the services or property of the church was issued. An appeal was made at once by the defendants, and the trial court permitted the filing of a supersedas bond to protect the interests of the Kansas Synod pending a new decision by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Tenth District. Our Executive Committee agreed that we should defend the decision that we had been awarded. Briefs were prepared and filed by attorneys, and a hearing was held at Oklahoma City. The court later requested additional briefs from attorneys on both sides, which were filed late in April. The court has the matter under consideration.

Throughout the entire procedure in the courts the church property has been used by the Bloch faction and the synodically recognized congregation on alternate Sundays. The synodically recognized congregation was fully organized with a church council and necessary officers June 9, 1942. Mr. Bloch has continued to conduct services and direct the affairs of the church, except on Sundays when the Kansas Synod congregation has had worship, and has continued to occupy the parsonage. The Sunday School has been maintained weekly with members of the Bloch faction in charge. Dr. C. N. Swihart has graciously supplied the synodically recognized congregation, under appointment by the President, since last May. No attempt was made to call a pastor as long as the status of the congregation was questioned.

Soon after the last synodical convention Mr. John Shirk, chief counsel of the synod in the case, was stricken and after several months' illness was taken in death. Mr. James E. Grigsby, a partner with Mr. Shirk at the time the court action was started, has continued to represent the Synod.

The decision of the court affects only the congregation. The Synod should therefore determine what measure it will take to clarify the stateus of Mr. Bloch who has been received as a member of the Midwest Synod in spite of our disciplinary action declaring him to be under suspension from the ministry.

Conclusion

The tasks committed to our care as the Church of Christ, and as a constituent synod of the United Lutheran Church in America, loom ever greater in size and importance. They need not be enumerated here, for their weight is constantly on our shoulders. That all of us may ever and again be strong in the Lord and through His grace be enabled to measure up to our opportunities and our responsibilities is my prayer for us all.

I appreciate the gracious and hearty cooperation given by the various officers and pastors of the synod in caring for matters that have come before us, and your kindly patience. I count it a privilege to have been permitted to serve you in my small way in this office.

I recommend that as a Synod we endorse the 1943 promotional plan of the United Lutheran Church in America which will emphasize Christian Family life and will suggest the holding of a family festival in each parish on September 26 and a Communion Service on October 3 with efforts to secure attendance by all confirmed members in each family.

Respectfully Submitted,

George R. Whittecar, President.

Special Report

(The following report made to the executive committee on August 17, 1942, is offered to the Synod by vote of the committee on that date.)

Brethren of the Committee:

From 1935 to 1940 I held a commission as a First Lieutenant in the Chaplain's Corps of theOfficer's Reserve Corps of the United States Army. That commission was not renewed upon expiration because I had determined to give full time to the Church. But in view of the national emergency and the state of war now existing, the War Department automatically revived that old commission and on August 7th I received an order directing me to report for active duty as a Chaplain in the Army of the United States. The purpose of this special meeting of the Executive Committee, therefore, is to present my resignation as the President of this Synod, the same to become effective this date, together with the return of the President's Cross, which figurateively speaking has hung heavily for the past several months. Also, I desire to submit a report of my activities since the time of the last convention of the Synod, together with records, documents and correspondence which rightly belong to the Synod. In other words, my complete file of all materials are this date to be released to the Synod.

All materials dealing with brother Frederick H. Bloch and the Oklahoma City situation involving even civil action in Federal Court should be guarded with the utmost care and preservation. I trust that the Secretary, or other responsible officer, will compile all documents, records and correspondence for a permanent file when the status of the entire case is settled, both from an ecclesiastical and legal standpoint.

Among the valuable documents I am releasing are the materials dealing with disciplinary actions against Frederick H. Bloch. These include correspondence, three volumes of "transcription" and three volumes of "Exhibits" which are related directly to the formal trial. Also as a part of this case are the "Accusations" and the "Charges and Specifications," together with related correspondence. Affidavits supporting the charges are also released.

Regarding the civil suit in Federal Court there has been a tremendous amount of correspondence, demanding untold hours of time, preparation and energy. I never dreamed there was such a drain on the nervous system as there is in the writing of letters filled with technical issues which require the choicest of language. The materials on this matter which I surrender can be augmented by corresponding papers in the possession of Pastor Harrison, but more especially Secretary Whittecar.

The report of the Commission of Adjudication, together with related letters, belong to the Oklahoma City situation. These papers are more related to the civil suit than to Mr. Bloch.

Inasmuch as there has been constant reference to most of these documents and papers as mentioned in the above paragraphs I have found it almost impossible to effect a satisfactory orderly arrangement in any permanent manner. As the case nears its completion, and the civil ruling is expected any hour of any day now, it ought to be borne in mind that these materials should be classified and filed. In other words, I would suggest that a record be made of all papers and documents and wherein possible much if not all be bound. To have done this sooner would have resulted in an incomplete file, and anyway there would have been considerable disturbance of the materials as when one wants certain papers for exhibit or to take on a trip he dosen't want to take the entire library.

There has been a vast amount of routine letter writing, some of major importance. All such correspondence, including copies, are on file and I also impart with this. All other materials I am surrendering, such as various blank forms of many descriptions.

My entire Synodical file is released, nothing being withheld. It should not be necessary for Mrs. Klover to be approached for the release of any letter as absolutely everything rightly belonging to the Synod is being turned over to the Executive Committee this date. It is my observation and impression that this is the first time there has been such a transfer of Synodical papers, at least in recent years. Neither Doctor Bard nor I received anything from our predecessors except as we demanded the same and these were very few.

Just a word about the Oklahoma City situation.

As for the attorneys, Mr. John H. Shirk was stricken with a heart attack a few days following the Synodical convention and has since been too ill even to serve as a counsellor in the remotest sense. Had Mr. Shirk remained active he would have saved the Synod about a hundred dollars on stenographic expenses regarding the writing up of the exhibits in the trial of Mr. Bloch. He personally assumed other expenses, as the stenographer's work in the drawing up of the charges and specifications. Mr. Grigsby, I feel, has handled the case well and it is this date before the Federal Judge pending his decision.

As for the final status of Mr. Bloch, it may be that this Synod will be forced to ask the Commission of Adjudication to rule, since he insists he is a member of the Midwest Synod. I have reason to believe he realizes as do the Midwest officers, that he forever remains under the jurisdiction of this Synod until properly dismissed, or until taken in death.

Pastors Harrison and Whittecar have been standing by to render every possible service to the Synodically recognized group, numbering approximately 150 persons. Upon the completion of the matter in court these brethren will assist in the final arrangements so that the

congregation may be restored to normal. I do not expect an adverse decision, and we have made no plans for anything save victory.

Possibly by the next time the Executive Committee meets a complete picture of the finances involved in this Oklahoma City situation can be presented. Time has not permitted Mr. Bang and I to give a detailed account at this time. All requests for funds with which to meet necessary expenses have been carefully noted and the treasurer can, at a later date, submit a complete report. Such a statement by all means should be submitted to the Oklahoma City people for their information, showing them that the Synod has been dead in earnest in helping them, and my guess is that the total will hover around the two thousand mark. This, after all, is cheaper by thousands than a mission.

I still hold in trust as treasurer the sum of $10.95 under the name of "Kansas Synod-Oklahoma City Trust Fund." This fund was gathered by members loyal to the Synod, and the original amount totaled $436.50. Checks were drawn as follows:

1.	March 13, 1942, myself, for trips, meals, hotel, telephone and telegraph on Feb. 22 and on March 9	65.50
2.	March 25, 1942, James E. Grigsby, for attorney fee	300.00
3.	A. W. Malin, for service March 15	14.10
4.	W. C. Miller, for telephone and telegraph	23.80
5.	April 24, 1942, myself, for trips, meals, hotel, etc.	22.15

I am confident that members of our congregation there in Oklahoma City will again make an outright grant of money to sustain our Synodical treasury, and in this respect I have verbal assurances which I realize I can't force. But men like H. C. Bergstrasser and E. W. H. Falter, not to mention Mr. Shirck, assured us of more support in a financial way. In talking with these men, and others, they though it best to delay a canvass for funds until the court has ruled. This should receive attention from Synodical authorities at the opportune time.

I have two very important suggestions to make. First, I would urge that Synodical authorities insist on the completeness of all files and records and the recognition that these are the properties of the Synod, thereby maintaining continuity. And second, I must suggest with all my being that when Synodical officers know of an impending crisis on the horizon that they do everything within their power to avert a crisis; not to meet it. Sometimes it is the part of true wisdom to let a Benevolent Providence handle some matters, but again I am sure God wants us to swing into action when even common sense assured us that if we don't matters will only become more complicated by unwarranted delays.

Following is a brief outline of activities since the 1942 convention:

April 22, 23, 24. These dates involved in a trip to Oklahoma City, accompanied by Secretary Whittecar.

April 27, 28. Attended the Women's Missionary Society in Abilene where Secretary Whittecar and I officiated at the Communion Service.

April 30. Appointed Dr. C. N. Swihart to serve as pastor pro tem of the Synodically recognized group in Oklahoma City.

May 3. Addressed the Luther League Rally of the Eastern Conference at Lancaster, appealing for full time Christian Service.

May 4, 5. These dates were involved in attending portions of the convention of the Nebraska Synod at Falls City, Nebraska.

May 8. Attended a meeting of the Home Missions Committee, Kansas City, Mo.

May 15. Delivered an address at an anniversary observance at St. John's Church, Salina.

May 18. Presided at the Executive Committee meeting, Kansas City, Mo.

May 19. Attended the meeting of the Board of Trustees, Midland College.

May 25, 26, 27. Went to Oklahoma City in the interests of the church there.

May 27. Appointed Pastors Harrison and Whittecar to attend the meeting of the Synodically recognized congregation which was looking forward to organizing.

June 13 and June 15. Approved Pastor Havekost's request and that of Pastor Malin to attend the Regional Confernce of the Parish and Church School Board, Maywood, Illinois.

June 21-26. These dates given to the attendance of the meeting of the Commission of Adjudication, Pittsbugrh, Pa. Secretary Whittecar also was in attendance, although I remained longer, and enroute to Pittsburgh sought the counsel of Dr. Weng and Dr. Knudsen in Chicago.

June 26. Pastor Search reported that Rev. Otto K. Aelke, formerly of Lanham, Nebraska, has been formally installed as the Glasco pastor, the same being accomplished June 21. Pastor George Eller assisted in the service. This completed the assignment made to Pastor Search to look after the Glasco interests, the order being given May 21st.

July 2. Instructed Rev. R. E. Gaston to visit the Valley Falls parish to determine if all things were in order and if Pastor Paul Close needed any counsel or assistance. Pastor Gaston reported favorably July 16th.

July 6, 7, 8. These dates given to an urgent trip to Oklahoma City, again in the interests of the legal suit.

July 19. Gave the opening address at the annual Luther League Camp at Washunga.

July 22, 23. Again went to Oklahoma City in the interests of the legal suit.

July 25. Upon learning that Rev. Paul Close had not been installed, I instructed Pastor A. J. Beil to complete this act on August 2. Rev. Close made the necessary arrangements and announcements. Pastor Beil reported favorably as did Rev. Gaston on the work in that parish.

July 29. Received word through Secretary Ralph G. Vague of Wilson of the resignation of Pastor Max Gilmer from the Bunkerhill-Wilson parish to report for active duty as an Army Chaplain.

July 29. Authorized Pastor Search to look after the Bunkerhill-Wilson interests turing the vacancy, including the assistance in the calling and installing of the new minister, and to do any other thaing necessary to enable the parish to return to normal. Pastor Searh was instructed to complete the assignment and he assured he would.

August 3. Received word from Rev. Paul Luther Miller of his resignation from the Sedalia-Cole Camp parish, the same to become effective September 1st. Pastor Miller accepted the call to Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

August 10. Authorized Mr. Bang and Rev. Beil to make secure the funds due the Synod from an estate at Ottawa, even to the extent of making trips to that city if necessary.

August 10. Appointed Rev. Beil to look after the interests of the Sedalia and Cole Camp congregations, the two being united into one pastorate. Since there is a possibility of Cole Camp being organized as a self supporting congregation and the Sedalia group becoming a mission I also instructed Rev. Beil to work in conference and counsel with Chairman Hamrick of the Home Missions Committee.

August 10, 11. Conferred with Pastor Harrison relative to the Oklahoma City situation and other urgent matters in the Southern Conference.

August 13. Visited the Eureka parish in view of unrest and the impending resignation of Pastor Pfeiffer to go to Emerson, Nebraska.

The task of being president of our Synod is almost a full-time job, or at least it has been since I accepted office. As pastor of a mission my work has sustained loss, too severe a loss for a congregation still struggling to attain unit self-support. Nevertheless my people have been most patient and sympathetic, lending to me their moral and spiritual support. My Synodical and parish activities are rapidly coming to a close as I must report for active duty at Cambridge, Mass., on September 3d. My prayers will ascend to God in behalf of my Synod always.

Respectfully yours,

W. Wilbur Klover

The Executive Committee Report was submitted and referred to the Committee on Executive Committee Report for action on Wednesday.

Report of the Executive Committee

The committee met three times, on May 18, 1942, August 17, 1942 and January 20, 1943. The second meeting was held in the Kansas City Union Station, the other two being held in St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Kansas City.

At the August meeting, Rev. W. W. Klover resigned as president of the Synod in order to enter the Chaplain's Corps of the United States Army. The Committee accepted his resignation with resolution of regret.

The committee at this time also received the resignation of Western Lay representative, Dr. Ernest E. Harvey, who resigned to enter the services of the United States Army.

The committee moved to fill the vacancies, and by ballot chose the Rev. George R. Whittecar as president; Mr. George Johnson of Salina as Western Conference lay representative; the Rev. George L. Search as secretary; and the Rev. J. Ernest Messer as president of the Western Conference.

The committee carried on its usual business during the year, awarding contracts for printing the Kansas Synod Lutheran and the 1943 minutes of Synod; hearing reports from the various committees and the treasurer of the synod; and allowing such bills as came properly before it.

Several matters of special interest came before the committee during the year.

Oklahoma City Congregation.

The Midwest Synod, on May 7, 1942, addressed a petition to the Board of Adjudication of the United Lutheran Church in America, asking that it determine the synodical connection of the congregation at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The Board notified officers of the Kansas Synod that it would hear the petition on June 24, 1942. At its May meeting, the Executive committee instructed the president to appoint two members of the Synod to represent the Synod's interest in this hearing.

At its August meeting, when it appeared that the Midwest Synod intended to send a layman from Oklahoma City as a delegate to the Thirteenth Biennial Convention of the United Lutheran Church, the committee instructed its secretary to send a vigorous protest to the Secretary of the United Lutheran Church against his being seated at the convention in October.

At its January meeting, the committee ordered Treasurer Bang

to incorporate into his records all expenses involved in the difficulties of our congregation at Oklahoma City. Portions of this expense are included in the report of Rev. W. W. Klover.

Expense of Attendance at Meetings Not Called By Synod Officials

In view of present heavy demands upon the Synodical funds, it was voted at the August meeting that members of the Synod be invited to attend meetings called by boards of agencies or auxiliaries of the United Lutheran Church should not have expenses from the Synod treasury unless the executive committee or the Synod made such grants. At its January meeting, the committee received inquiries about sending a delegate to the Regional Conference of the Parish and Church School Board in June, the sending of a member of Synod to Camp Nawakwa this summer and the sending of a member of the Synod to the regional conference of the Lutheran Students' Association. The committee voted that expenses for these three purposes would not be allowd.

Sedalia-Cole Camp Parish:

At its August meeting, the committee received a communication from the Home Missions Committee that the Sedalia and Cole Camp congregations would possibly choose to separate into two parishes. The secretary was instructed to call to the attention of those concerned the prohibition in Synod's By-laws 1-7, which necessitates permission of the Synod for such separations. At its January meeting, the committee voted to recommend to the Synod that permission be given the Sedalia-Cole Camp parish to separate.

Camp Washunga:

At each meeting the committe received reports from the subcommittee given charge of the Lutheran Camp. Results of the 1942 season were thus given in the committee's report:

During the three summer months the following seventeen groups used the camp:

German Baptist	89	campers	48	extra	meals
Kansas Y.T.U.	15	"	2	"	"
Christian Service Camp	45	"	12	"	"
Central Kansas Baptist Young People	20	"	10	"	"
Lutheran Junior Camp	137	"	22	"	"
Presbyterian Junior Camp	89	"	13	"	"
Augustana Youth Group	106	"	58	"	"
Baptist Women	33	"	35	"	"
Geary County 4-H group	52	"	---	---	---
Kansas Luther League	112	"	24	"	"
Augustana Luther League	115	"	57	"	"
Soldner Boys of Baptist Church	72	"	---	"	"

Manhattan 4-H	82	"	10	"	"
Dickinson County 4-H	138	"			
Church of the Brethren	89	"	30	"	"
American Lutheran	175	"	46	"	"
Methodist Boys	82	"	14	"	"
Total:	1,451 campers		381	extra meals	

Financial Report for 1942:

Receipts:		
Cash balance, 1941	$ 479.25	
Groups	6917.42	
Camp Store	1358.25	
Refund, camp manager	32.45	
Check refund	15.00	$8820.37
Disbursements:		
Dining room	$2423.04	
Salaries	1502.09	
Store supplies	997.82	
Manager's cash fund	75.00	
Maintenance and repair	143.21	
Gas and oil	57.35	
Sales tax	100.27	
Interest on all notes	125.00	
Telephone, power and light	52.28	
Committee and promotion	59.26	$5535.32
Cash balance as of October 5, 1942		$3,285.05

The large cash balance may be partly attributed to the following factors:

1. Normal-sized groups reserved time on the summer camp schedule.
2. Efficient management by Elmer Hovland and his staff of eight assistants.
3. Conservation of food and efficient management of kitchen by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rowe.
4. Camp store buying and efficiency by William Schlichter.
5. Keeping down the cost of maintenance and major improvements.

Respectively submitted,

Alfred J. Beil, Chairman.
Louis T. Bang, Treasurer.
E. E. Stauffer.
George W. Eller.

At its January meeting, the Executive Committee received the re-

port that notes to the extent of $2,500.00 were paid, together with interest, from the cash balance shown as of October 5, 1942.

At its January meeting, on recommendation of the Camp commitee, the Executive Committee voted not to open Camp Washington during the summer of 1943.

At its January meeting, the committee heard objections of the Camp Committee to the action of Synod relative to payment of funds borrowed by the Lutheran Camp some years ago (Minutes of Synod, 1942, page 58). It was voted by the committee to pay the 1942 sums of $200.00 ordered by the Synod from funds now designated as, "Inner Mission Funds", pending a review of this subject by the Synod in convention.

Seventy-Fifth Anniversary

At its January meeting the committee voted to postpone celebration of the Synod's seventy-fifth anniversary until after the war.

Home Missions Committee

Death of the Rev. S. A. Mamrick and removal to California of the Rev. Robert D. Kerstetter left two vacancies on the Home Missions Committee, one of them being the chairman's position. At its January meeting, the committee voted to continue the Home Missions Committee without filling these vacancies until the meeting of Synod.

Division of Apportionment

At its January meeting, the committee voted to recommend to Synod the following division of apportioned benevolence:

Apportionment basis: $5.20 per communication member (see 1942 Synod minutes page 61 items 2).

United Lutheran Church	$2.50
Midland College	.85
Tabitha Home	.25
Home Missions	.40
Kansas Synod Lutheran	.15
Ministerial Education	.25
Synod Treasury	.80

Respectfully Submitted,

George L. Search, Secretary.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted and adopted.

Treasurers Report for 1942

1942 Apportionment

	Apportionment	Paid	Specials	Total
Abilene	$1,070.00	$ 500.00	$ 134.00	$ 634.50
Atchison	1,790.00	1,261.69	240.35	1,502.04
Beloit	490.00	223.05	33.20	256.25
Bendena	930.00	224.27	72.80	297.07
Bunker Hill	200.00	.....	.....	.....
Chapman	300.00	100.00	36.38	136.38
Cole Camp, Mo.	410.00	238.75	63.42	302.17
Emporia	745.00	401.63	164.48	566.11
Eureka	655.00	140.11	31.86	171.97
Fort Smith, Ark.	470.00	100.90	.....	100.90
Glasco	645.00	297.26	52.74	350.00
*Greenleaf St. Pauls	270.00	274.34	143.69	418.03
Greenleaf Trinity	370.00	117.07	95.62	212.69
*Hays	575.00	575.00	122.90	697.90
Hutchinson	900.00	327.41	30.41	357.82
*Kansas City Ch. Mem.	975.00	975.00	237.50	1,212.50
Kansas City St. Marks	1,300.00	1,100.56	205.31	1,305.87
Kansas City Trinity	1,085.00	621.19	145.52	766.71
Lancaster	350.00	187.65	16.84	204.49
Langdon, Mo.	585.00	378.53	5.00	383.53
Lawrence	2,180.00	1,103.36	268.97	1,372.33
Long Island	75.00	.....	.....	.....
New Cambria Peace	250.00	.....	.....	.....
New Cambria St. Pauls	150.00	29.85	1.35	31.20
Norcator	.....	54.00	25.00	79.00
Oklahoma City, Okla.	1,250.00	98.68	35.00	133.68
Peabody	705.00	300.00	20.30	320.30
Perth	150.00	.....	.....	.....
Rock Port, Mo.	1,045.00	240.00	46.89	286.89
Salina	3,665.00	1,691.38	420.90	2,112.28
Sedalia, Mo.	460.00	182.85	28.10	210.95
*St. Joseph, Mo.	2,715.00	2,715.00	664.50	3,379.50
Topeka	1,075.00	418.77	119.30	538.07
*Tulsa, Okla.	1,345.00	1,345.00	347.94	1,692.94
Valley Falls	310.00	191.65	14.30	205.95
Wakeeney	635.00	200.00	90.75	290.75
Waterville First	130.00	60.15	28.85	89.00
Waterville St. Marks	670.00	340.00	105.68	445.68
*Wellington	235.00	243.86	43.90	287.76
*Wichita	2,115.00	2,215.00	393.24	2,608.24
Wilson	375.00	190.58	19.10	209.68

1941 Undistributed apportionment			395.99	
Totals	$33,650.00	$20,060.53	$4,506.60	$24,567.12

Respectfully submitted,
Louis T. Bang, Treasurer

RECEIPTS

1942 Apportionment	$20,060.53	
1942 Convention Offerings	20.63	
Womens Missionary Society	40.00	
F. S. Reider Loan	500.00	
Luther League Refund	32.00	
Oklahoma Trust Fund	436.50	
Southern Conference	1.83	
1942 Inner Mission Fund	375.86	
1942 Home Mission Fund	1,011.66	
1942 Kansas Synod Lutheran	51.21	
1942 Children of the Church	8.62	
1942 Specials	4,925.50	$27,464.34

DISBURSEMENTS

Synodical Treasury	$ 3,931.60	
Home Missions	1,434.35	
Ministerial Education	825.00	
Kansas Synod Lutheran	582.01	
Midland College	3,350.00	
United Lutheran Church	10,000.00	
Tabitha Home	1,000.00	$21,122.96
		$ 6,341.38

SPECIAL RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Tabitha Home Current Fund	$ 1,196.82	
Tabitha Home Building Fund	294.00	
Tabitha Home from Inner Mission Fund	200.00	
Children of the Church	241.55	
Midland College	63.10	
Lutheran World Action	2,439.92	
India Centennial	191.58	
Ministerial Pensions	116.00	
Deaconess Work	2.50	
Junior Camp	135.07	
American Missions	43.36	
American Bible Society	1.60	$ 4,925.50

CASH BALANCE GENERAL FUND

Home Missions Funds	$ 1,177.31
Children of the Church	17.02

Junior Camp	1.59	
Inner Missions Fund	175.96	
Undistributed Apportionment	44.00	$ 1,415.88
Cash Balance Citizens National Bank	$ 1,008.29	
Overdrafts	407.59	$ 1,415.88

Louis T. Bang, treasurer

Home Mission Fund

RECEIPTS

1942 Cash Balance	$1,011.66	
1942 Apportionment	1,600.00	$2,611.66

DISBURSEMENTS

Beloit, Kansas	$ 300.00	
Wakeeney, Kansas	300.00	
Hutchinson, Kansas	300.00	
Topeka, Kansas	200.00	
Kansas City, Mo. Childrens Memorial	200.00	
Mission Church visits	44.44	
Metal file for Committee	4.55	
Committee Meetings	71.45	
Postage, telegrams, telephones	13.91	$1,434.35
Cash Balance Home Missions Funds		$1,177.31

Louis T. Bang, Treasurer

Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Evangelicaal Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States

Camp Property assets		$14,446.91
LESS LIABILITIES		
Notes paid by Synod for balance on land	$1,524.25	
Unused Apportionment (Field Secretary)	250.00	$ 1,774.25
Net Worth of Camp Wa-Shun-Ga		$12,672.66
Cash on hand Camp Wa-Shun-Ga		741.64
Cash Balance Kansas Synod General Funds		1,008.29
		$14,422.59
Less F. S. Reider note Synodical Treasury	$500.00	
Less Overdrafts Synodical Treasury	407.59	907.59
Net Worth of Kansas Synod and Adjacent States		$13,515.00
Notes paid in full during 1942 by Camp Wa-Shun-Ga:		
Mrs. Grace Schulz, Lawrence, Kansas	$2,000.00	
F. S. Reider, Emporia, Kansas	500.00	$2,500.00

Louis T. Bang, Treasurer

Specials Itemized

Abilene—Tabitha Home, $100.00; Luth. W. Action, $36.00; Junior Camp, $3.50.

Atchison—Tabitha Home, $30.00; F. Missions, 11.38; Luth. W. Action, 179.47; Children of the Church, $1.50.

Bunker Hill—Luth. W. Action, $8.00.

Bendena—Children of the Church, $4.00; Lutheran W. Action, $66.55; Junior Camp, $2.25.

Beloit—F. Missions, $5.50; Luth. W. Action, $25.20; Junior Camp, $2.50.

Chapman—Tabitha Home, $10.00; Luth. W. Action, $6.00; Children of the Church, $22.80.

Cole Camp—F. Missions, $10.00; Luth. W. Action, $40.00; Tabitha Home, $13.42.

Emporia—Midland College, $13.10; Luth. W. Action, $100.00; Junior Camp, $9.00; Tabitha Home, $42.38.

Eureka—F. Missions, $1.75; Junior Camp, $5.00; Luth. W. Action, $15.16; Am. Missions, $9.95.

Glasco—Tabitha Home, $35.69; Luth. W. Action, $17.05.

Greenleaf Trinity—F. Missions, $11.10; Luth. W. Action, $48.86; Junior Camp, $2.50; Tabitha Home, $25.56; Pension Fund, $5.00; A. Bible S., $1.60.

Greenleaf St. Pauls—Lutheran W. Action, $70.28; Junior Camp, $2.50; Tabitha Home, $70.91.

Hays—F. Missions, $15.50; Tabitha Home, $32.06; Luth. W. Action, $46.50; Children of the Church, $24.94.

Hutchinson—Luth. W. Action, $17.91; Junior Camp, $2.50; Tabitha Home, $10.00.

Kansas City Ch. Mem.—Tabitha Home, $150.00; Junior Camp, $7.50; Luth. W. Action, $80.00.

Kansas City St. Marks—Tabitha Home, $71.00; Luth. W. Action, $100.85; Children of the Church, $28.46; Junior Camp, $5.00.

Kansas City Trinity—F. Missions, $15.37; Luth. W. Action, $82.57; Tabitha Home, $26.48; Children of the Church, $21.10.

Lancaster—Junior Camp, $7.00; Children of the Church, $9.84.

Langdon—Luth. W. Action, $5.00.

Lawrence—Tabitha Home, $110.00; Luth. W. Action, $151.10; Junior Camp, $7.00.

Norcator St. Marks—Luth W. Action, $15.00; Tabitha Home, $10.00.

New Cambria St. Pauls—Luth. W. Action, $1.35.

Oklahoma City—Tabitha Home, $35.00.

Peabody—Luth. W. Action, $7.35; Junior Camp, $2.00; Children of the Church, $10.95.

Rock Port—Tabitha Home, $26.39; Junior Camp, $7.50; Luth. W. Action, $13.00.

Sedalia—F. Missions, $10.00; Luth. W. Action, $14.35; Junior Camp, $3.75.

Salina—A. Missions, $20.00; F. Missions, $9.17; Tabitha Home,

$233.92; Luth. W. Action, $97.31; Junior Camp, $10.50; Midland College, $50.00.

St. Joseph—Tabitha Home, $344.00; Luth. W. Action, $350.00; Junior Camp, $10.50; Pension Fund, $50.00.

Topeka—F. Missions, $16.90; Tabitha Home, $36.20; Luth. W. Actton, $66.20.

Tulsa—A. Missions, $13.41; F. Missions, $47.05; Tabitha Home, $115.94; Luth. W. Action, $104.96; Children of the Church, $63.00; Junior Camp, $3.50.

Valley Falls—Luth. W. Action, $14.30.

Wakeeney—F. Missions, $12.00; Tabitha Home, $25.00; Luth. W. Action, $25.00; Junior Camp, $3.75; Pension Fund, $25.00.

Waterville First—Luth. W. Action, $28.85.

Waterville St. Marks—F. Missions, $21.65; Tabitha Home, $5.00; Luth. W. Action, $70.50; Children of the Church, $7.28; Junior Camp, $1.25.

Wellington—Luth. W. Action, $23.90; Tabitha Home, $20.00.

Wilson—Luth. W. Action, $18.10; Junior Camp, $1.00.

Wichita—Luth. W. Action, $291.66; Children of the Church, $55.08; Junior Camp, $10.50; Pension Fund, $36.00.

Louis T. Bang, Treasurer

The Secretary received and filed certification from auditors of the Treasurer's accounts and upon motion and certification was accepted.

VERIFICATION

Emporia, Kans., Feb. 16th, 1943

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas
Topeka, Kansas

Gentlemen:

This is to advise that on February 16th, 1943, there was a balance on hand in the Citizens National Bank of Emporia, Kansas, to the credit of Louis T. Bang, treasurer, of the Evangelical Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, the sum of $1,008.29.

Very truly yours,

C. V. Morris, Assistant Vice-President

CERTIFICATION

Emporia, Kansas, March 10th, 1943

To the Evangelical Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States
Topeka, Kansas

We the undersigned committee, who examined the Accounts of Louis T. Bang, treasurer, certify that we have examined the records of the Treasurer, and find that at the close of business Feb. 16th, 1943,

he had a cash balance on hand as shown by accompanying certificates of the Citizens National Bank, Emporia, Kansas, $1 008.29.

Total Receipts	$27,464.34
Total Disbursements as shown by cancelled vouchers	26,048.46
Total cash accounted for	$ 1,415.88

Records show that he has cash on hand in the following funds:

Home Missions Funds	$ 1,177.31
Children of the Church	17.02
Junior Camp Funds	1.59
Inner Mission Funds	175.96
Undistributed Apportionment	44.00
	$1,415.88

Cash Balance Citizens National Bank	$1,008.29	
Overdrafts	407.59	$ 1,415.88

We have also examined the records of Louis T. Bang, Treasurer of the Home Missions Funds and find that the total receipts for 1942 were $2,611.66

Disbursements	1,434.35
Leaving a Cash Balance in the Home Missions	$1,177.31

Yours very truly,
Catherine Ellenberger
F. S. Reider
Auditing Committee

The Committee of Tellers reported that a majority of ballots cast for President had fallen to the Rev. George R. Whittecar and the Secretary declared him elected.

The Hon. Frank Warren, mayor of Topeka, was introduced to the Synod and welcomed Synod to the city.

The Committee of Tellers reported that a majority of ballots cast for Secretary had fallen to the Rev. George L. Search, and the President declared him elected.

The Rev. L. E. Schwartz, president of the Topeka Ministerial Association, and the Rev. E. R. C. Friedstrom, official visitor from the Kansas Conference of the Augustana Synod, were introduced to the Synod and brought greetings.

The Rev. F. Eppling Reinartz, STM, D.D., Secretary of Promotion of the United Lutheran Church in America, and Official Representative to this meeting of Synod, was introduced. It was moved and carried that he be made an advisory member.

A motion that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous

ballot for Louis T. Bang for Treasurer was carried and the President declared him elected.

The Report of the Committee on Stewardship and Benevolence was submitted and adopted.

Report of Committee on Stewardship and Benevolence

Your Committee on Stewardship and Benevolence would report that it has endeavored to get in touch with every pastor and congregation in the Synod, calling attention to the need for faithfulness in contributions for the carrying on of the work of our beloved Zion and in meeting the apportionment in full.

A questionnaire together with helpful suggestions were sent to all pastors. As a result many of the pastors read these questionnaires and suggestions either to the Council or congregation or both. Reports coming from pastors have assured us that this has led to an increase in the amount of apportionment paid, while others have promised and are keeping this matter before their congregations by calling attention to the apportionment in their weekly bulletins. In one or two instances pastors have said, "We have not paid our apportionment in full in the past but we shall endeavor to do so in the future." Your committee is confident from the reply to the questionnaire that possibly the major reason for failure in raising a higher percentage of the apportionment is due to the neglect to give sufficient information concerning the needs of the various objectives and the part that each individual and congregation should have in meeting the apportionment.

We rejoice in the fact that pastors are showing a greater interest in stewardship and in determination to raise their apportionment in full.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. STAUFFER, Chairman Committee

The Statistician's Report was submitted and adopted.

Report of Statistician For 1942

Due to vacancies and conditions caused by the war some reports were hard to get and had glaring errors, because very few laymen understand the church records. When a minister leaves a parish he should explain the records to some member of the church council.

Before starting to make up your report you should read the cautions and admonitions mentioned in the statistician's report for the previous year.

Most errors could be avoided next year by referring to the following suggestions:

a. Valuations of property and indebtedness.

b. Expenditures and benevolence.

c. Also check totals of this year's report with last year's report so see if they look reasonable.

2. Get in touch with Mr. Bang and find out how to make your report agree with Mr. Bang's benevolence totals.

3. Remember to always report expenditures in even dollars on your parochial report.

Rev. Search, Rev. Close and Dr. Stauffer were the first to get their reports in.

Your fine co-operation under trying circumstances is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Easterday, Statistician

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF KANSAS AND ADJACENT STATES
For the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 1942
First — Southern or Wichita Conference

Pastoral Charge (City or Town)	Congregation	When Organized	Address or Geog. Location	Pastor	Language Used In Chief Service	MEMBERSHIP											
									CHILD MEMBERS							I. Gain or Loss	
									Accessions			Losses					
						Baptized	Confirmed	Communing	Baptism	Certificate	Total	Confirmation	Death	Otherwise	Total	Net Gain	Net Loss
Emporia	St. Mark's	1884	7th & Constitution	xErnest Tonsing	English	460	292	130	13	4	17	10			10	7	
Eureka	Christ's	1873	313 N. Elm	†Robert E. Gaston	English	358	262	127	2		2					2	
Ft. Smith, Ark.	T.E.U.L.-St. Luke's	1929	May & Alabama	*John E. Hummon (Sup.)	English	146	126	64						24	24		24
Hutchinson	Zion's	1888	11th & Washington	§E. R. Harrison	English	362	275	164	19	2	21	5			5	16	
Okla. City, Okla.	First Lutheran	1902	1300 N. Robinson	‡C. N. Swihart-Pro Tem	English	150	125	100						98	98		98
Peabody	St. Paul's	1887	Sycamore-Division	*K. de Freese, D. D.	English	462	326	140	7	9	16	5		2	7	9	
Perth	St. James	1887	Perth	0Vacant		33	32	30									
Tulsa, Okla.	First Lutheran	1909	324 W. 5th	‡Geo. R. Whittecar	English	605	434	260	24	6	30	5	1	6	12	18	
Wellington	St. John's	1888	322 N. Jefferson	†G. N. Mendenhall (sup.)	English	144	121	57		4	4	2		1	3	1	
Wichita	St. Paul's	1909	839 N. Market	‡E. E. Stauffer, D. D.	English	1033	713	490	31	18	49	9	1	9	19	30	
				First Conference Totals		3753	2706	1562	96	43	139	36	2	140	178	83	122

Second — Eastern or Topeka Conference

Atchison	St. Mark's	1868	400 S. 6th	xS. A. Hamrick (Dec.)	English	851	591	346	15		15	5			5	10	
Bendena	St. John's	1913	Bendena	0Vacant	English	433	285	159	7		7					7	
Cole Camp	Cole Camp United	1927	Cole Camp	*Vacant	English	178	137	89	2		2	7			7		5
K. C., Mo.	Chil. Memorial	1884	5001 Independence Ave.	‡J. A. McCulloch, D. D.	English	531	286	195	7		7	1			1	6	
K. C., Mo.	St. Mark's	1867	Troost Ave. & 38th	‡Andreas Bard, D. D.	English	725	612	260	26		26	13			13	13	
K. C., Kan.	Trinity	1902	17th & Ann Ave.	‡W. J. Guss (Sup.)	English	326	259	211	12	4	16	3		2	5	11	
Lancaster	St. John's	1905	Lancaster	0Herbert Pett	English	220	184	70	3		3	3			3		
Lawrence	Trinity	1867	13th & New Hampshire	xAlfred J. Beil	English	873	686	447	24	8	32	7		1	8	24	
Langdon, Mo.	St. Peter's	1871	Langdon	0D. L. McConnell,	English	302	175	111	3	3	6	4			4	2	
Rock Port, Mo.	First Lutheran	1858	Rock Port, Mo.	*D. L. McConnell	English	523	336	222	3		3	6		6	12		9
Sedalia, Mo.	Trinity	1894	912 S. Osage	xSam'l W. Jensen	English	189	146	84	3		3	2			2	1	
St. Joseph, Mo.	First Eng. Lutheran	1894	10th & Charles	‡Vacant		961	790	533	23	23	46	11		3	14	32	
Topeka	First Lutheran	1867	Fifth & Harrison	‡R. E. Rangeler	English	411	355	215	3		3	6		8	14		11
Valley Falls	St. Paul's	1857	Valley Falls	*Paul Close ¶	English	169	116	62									
				Second Conference Totals		6692	4958	3004	131	38	169	68		20	88	106	25

Third — Western or Salina Conference

Pastoral Charge (City or Town)	Congregation	When Organized	Address or Geog. Location	Pastor	Language Used In Chief Service	MEMBERSHIP			CHILD MEMBERS								
									Acessions			Losses				I. Gain or Loss	
						Baptized	Confirmed	Communing	Baptism	Certificate	Total	Confirmation	Death	Otherwise	Total	Net Gain	Net Loss
Abilene	Trinity	1870	Fourth & Cedar St.	†Fuller Bergstrasser, D.D.	English	435	323	228	9		9	5		2	7	2	
Beloit	Zion's	1886	Seventh & Mills St.	†Geo. W. Eller	English	200	149	98	10	1	11					11	
Bunker Hill	Mt. Zion	1872	Bunker Hill	Vacant		104	72	30	1		1	3			3		2
Bunker Hill	Wilson-Excelsior	1886	7 mi. E & 1 mi. N. of Wilson	0Vacant	English	154	128	62									
Chapman	Sherer Memorial	1889	426 Broadway	*G. K. Mykland	English	108	107	65	2		2		1		1	1	
Glasco	St. Paul's	1878	Main St.	xVacant	English	248	193	117	2		2	8			8		6
Greenleaf	St. Paul's	1888	4 mi. E. of Washington	0J. Ernest Messer	English	98	72	55	4		4					4	
Greenleaf	Trinity	1882	Greenleaf	*J. Ernest Messer	English	188	126	75	4		4	1			1	3	
Hays	Trinity	1878	1209 Fort St.	†Alvin D. Havekost	English	241	188	132	18	5	23	9	1	8	18	5	
Long Island	St. Paul's	1887	Long Island	0Vacant		56	29	15									
New Cambria	Peace	1875	New Cambria	0E. H. Gilmer	English	154	114	50	2		2		2		2		
New Cambria	St. Paul's	1874	2 mi. S. 1 mi. W. of Kipp	0E. H. Gilmer	English	118	90	30	1		1					1	
Norcatur	St. Mark's	1888	Norcatur	0Vacant		60	30	15						15	15		15
Salina	St. John's	1873	310 S. Seventh	xBenj. R. Lantz, D. D.	English	1693	1266	701	36	6	42	12		6	18	24	
Wakeeney	Bethlehem	1906	Wakeeney	*G. C. Schaub	English	362	223	115	15		15					15	
Waterville	First	1878	9 mi. N. & 1 mi. W. Waterv.	0Geo. L. Search	English	80	60	23									
Waterville	St. Mark's	1871	Waterville	0Geo. L. Search	English	393	288	171	12		12	4		2	6	6	
				Third Conference Totals		4692	3458	1982	116	12	128	42	4	33	79	72	23
				1942 Totals—Parishes		15137	11122	6548	343	93	436	146	6	193	345	261	170
				1941 Totals—Parishes		15082	11158	6730	260	105	365	138	5	73	216	177	28
				Increases—Gain		55			83		71	8	1	120	129	84	142
				Decreases-Loss			36	182		12							

POPULATIONS
†Over 100,000
‡25,000 to 100,000
x10,000 to 25,000
†2,500 to 10,000
*500 to 2,500
0Under 500

First — Southern or Wichita Conference

Name of Place	MEMBERSHIP												EDUCATION															GROUP ORGANIZATIONS							
	ADULT MEMBERS												PARISH												Higher Students					Men's		Women		Mixed		Young People	
	Accessions					Losses				Gain Loss		Gain Loss	Sunday Schools				Weekday Schools			Children of Church																	
	Baptism	Confirm.	Certificate	Otherwise	Total	Death	Certificate	Otherwise	Total	Net Gain	Net Loss	Total Net Gain	Total Net Loss	Number	Staff Members	In Sunday School	In Home Dept.	Cradle Roll	Number	Teachers	Pupils	No. of Groups	Leaders	Pupils	Number of Catechumens	In Lutheran Seminaries	In Lutheran Mother House	In Oth. Luth. Institutions	In Non-Lutheran Institutions	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members
Emporia		10	18		28	5	2		7	21		28		1	12	75									10				4	1	30	3	85			1	12
Eureka	1		3		4	1	8		9		5		3	1	9	50									3					1	30	1	90			1	25
Ft. Smith, Ark.						1	3	24	28		28		52	1	12	65			1	9	53	1	2	15	9							2	32			2	30
Hutchinson	8	5	10	1	24	4	13		17	7		23		1	15	140									6					1	15	2	50			1	15
Okla. City, Okla.								360	360		360		458																							
Peabody	2	4	7		13	4	2		6	7		16		1	15	100	8	10				1	4	20	6			1	2	1	34	3	54	1	26	1	30
Perth																																					
Tulsa, Okla.	2	8	13	7	30	4	16	2	22	8		26		1	20	200	10	63				1	5	30	26			1	6	1	10	1	60	1	35	1	20
Wellington			6		6	2		1	3	3		4		1	11	50						1	3	15	2				1			3	38				
Wichita	12	38	39	13	102	7	16	8	31	71		101		1	26	305		62	1	8	86	7	11	87	25			1	6	1	55	3	127			1	35
Totals	25	65	96	21	207	28	60	395	483	117	393	198	513	8	120	985	18	132	2	17	139	11	25	167	87			3	19	6	174	18	536	2	61	8	167

Second — Eastern or Topeka Conference

Atchison	9	5	15	12	41	6	9		15	26		36		1	48	225						3	4	25	5					1	35	3	85			1	25
Bendena		7	2		9		4		4	5		12		1	8	120		6				1										3	59				
Cole Camp		8	4		12					12		7		1	11	60		5	1	4	4	1	3	20	3							1	23			1	9
K. C., Mo.	4	2	13	1	20	4	9		13	7		13		1	22	105			1	2	24				12					1	18	4	87	1	20		
K. C., Mo.	11		32	34	77	10	16	4	30	47		60		1	28	245		9				2	1	45	19			2	2			7	230	1	20	1	12
K. C., Kan.	3	5	10	2	20	1	7		8	12		23		1	16	90						1	5	43	10			5	2	1	27	3	73			3	65
Lancaster		3	2	4	9	4			4	5		5		1	12	120	3	17	1	4	40	1	4	42	3				2	1	40	2	60			2	35
Lawrence	29	18	28	10	85	9	21	8	38	47		71		1	38	365		50	1	12	110				47				26	1	35	6	130			5	110
Langdon, Mo.		4	1		5	1	4		5			2		1	10	126		33							6				2			1	24				
Rock Port, Mo.		6	12		18	7	23		30		12		21	1	9	261		61							9			2	1			1	30			1	15
Sedalia, Mo.		2			2	2	2		4		2		1	1	6	60		4										1	2			1	16				
St. Joseph, Mo.	4	11	56	4	75	8	14	29	51	24		56		1	28	360		14				1	2	24	11				11	1	40	3	164			2	36
Topeka	2	6	2	3	13	4	13	23	40		27		38	1	25	80		8							6			4	10	1	25	3	64			1	20
Valley Falls		2			2	2			2					1	14	75		10				1	4	25	6				3			2	40			1	12
Totals	62	79	177	70	388	58	122	64	244	185	41	285	60	14	275	2292	3	217	4	22	219	11	23	224	137			14	61	7	220	40	1085	2	40	17	339

Third — Western or Salina Conference

Name of Place	MEMBERSHIP													EDUCATION															GROUP ORGANIZATIONS							
	ADULT MEMBERS											Gain Loss		PARISH											Higher Students				Men's		Women		Mixed		Young People	
	Accessions					Losses				Gain Loss				Sunday Schools				Weekday Schools			Children of Church			Number of Catechumens												
	Baptism	Confirm.	Certificate	Otherwise	Total	Death	Certificate	Otherwise	Total	Net Gain	Net Loss	Total Net Gain	Total Net Loss	Number	Staff Members	In Sunday School	In Home Dept.	Cradle Roll	Number	Teachers	Pupils	No. of Groups	Leaders	Pupils		In Lutheran Seminaries	In Lutheran Mother House	In Oth. Luth. Institutions	In Non-Lutheran Institutions	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members
Abilene	5	12	4	2	23	7	2		9	14		16		1	23	125	15	35							10				7	1	40	3	120			1	15
Beloit	1		4		5	2	1	0	3	2		13		1	9	60		10						6				1			2	32			1	12
Bunker Hill											2			1	9	45															1	30				
Bunker Hill		7			7	1	1		2	5		5		1	9	78		20				1	1	8					3		2	33				
Chapman			8		8	1			1	7		8		1	12	85		5					4	21	6				3		2	48				
Glasco	1	5		2	8	1		4	5	3			3	1	8	85							1	4	3	1			6	1	6	2	55			1	6
Greenleaf												4		1	6	35			1	2	15											1	17				
Greenleaf		1			1	2	2		4		3			1	7	35		8	1	2	10	1	1	6	1				2			20			1	5
Hays	3	12	5	8	28	2	9		11	17		22		1	15	90	5	15				1	11	45	14			1	13	1	20	1	75			1	15
Long Island																																					
New Cambria	2				2	2			2					1	6	20															1	23				
New Cambria						1			1		1			1	10	50															1	21				
Norcatur								10	10		10		25																							
Salina	20	22	16	1	59	9	18		27	32		56		1	57	437		92							37	1			22	1	35	5	367			3	53
Wakeeney	3	8	5		16	1			1	15		1		1	21	135		38	1	8	55				16							3	41			1	12
Waterville	2				2	1			1	1		1																								
Waterville	3	8	6	2	19	3	2		5	14		20		2	15	80		30				1	3	10	7							4	90			1	8
Totals	49	75	48	15	178	33	35	14	82	110	14	175	30	15	207	1360	20	253	3	12	80	4	21	94	100	2		1	57	4	101	30	972			10	126
1942 Totals	127	219	321	106	773	119	217	473	809	412	448	658	603	37	602	4637	41	602	9	51	438	26	69	485	324	2		18	137	17	495	88	2593	4	101	35	632
1941 Totals	125	254	273	120	772	119	205	244	568	324	120	460	107	37	667	5189	50	670	14	73	549	29	91	605	365	1	1	23	206	17	521	90	2687	4	121	51	860
Gains	2		48		1		12	229	241	88	328	198	496													1										
Losses		35		14										N	65	552	9	68	5	22	111	3	22	120	41		1	5	69		26	2	94		20	16	228

First — Southern or Wichita Conference

Name of Place	FINANCIAL																				
	VALUATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY							Congregational Expenses			CONGREGATIONAL BENEVOLENCE										
											Unapportioned						Apportion				
	(40) Church Building	(41) Parsonage	(42) School and Parish House	(43) Endowment	(44) Other Property	(45) Tot. Valuat (40 to 44)	(46) Indbtedness	(47) Current	(48) Unusual	(49) Total 47 plus 48	(50) Educat'n	(51) Foreign Missions	(52) Americ'n Missions	(53) Social Missions	(54) Other Benevolnect	(55) Total (50 to 54)	Amount Apportioned	(56) Amount Paid	(57) Total Benevolence (55 plus 56)	(58) Total Expenditures (49 plus 57)	
Emporia	20000	3500				23500	2500	2343	992	3335	36	10		166	26	238	745	402	640	3975	
Eureka	73500	5000				78500		1997	1385	3382		62				62	655	140	202	3584	
Ft. Smith, Ark.	14000					14000	4200	1835	265	2100							470	101	101	2201	
Hutchinson	40000	5000				45000	6382	2654	1425	4079					10	10	900	327	337	4416	
Okla. City, Okla.	60000	5000				65000	1500										1250	99	99	99	
Peabody	52300	3500				55800		3093	2381	5474	50	42				92	705	300	392	5866	
Perth	1500	800				2300											150				
Tulsa, Okla.	35000	5000				40000	600	5110	1350	6460		69		142	535	746	1345	1345	2091	8551	
Wellington	4000	4000	3000	574		11574		731	61	792		15		20	78	113	235	244	357	1149	
Wichita	30000	9000	5600			44600	500	8267	2035	10302	380	168		364	741	1653	2115	2215	3868	14170	
Totals	330300	40800	8600	574		380274	15682	26030	9894	35924	466	366		692	1390	2914	8570	5173	8087	44011	

Second — Eastern or Topeka Conference

Atchison	50000	7000			3000	60000	2000	4680		4680							1790	1262	1262	5942	
Bendena	20000	3000		3000		26000		1403		1403							930	225	225	1628	
Cole Camp	8000					8000		1191	994	2185		20		18	67	105	410	239	344	2529	
K. C., Mo.	30000	2000			1689	33689	5000	3998	14570	18568	29	96		315	172	612	975	975	1587	20155	
K. C., Mo.	200000	10000	20000			230000	13500	12886	11630	24516		590	118	155	289	1152	1300	1101	2253	26769	
K. C., Kan.	45000	15000				60000	34804	2246	1865	4111	10	33		41	391	475	1085	621	1096	5207	
Lancaster	5500	3500				9000		2356		2356		50	30	19		99	350	188	287	2643	
Lawrence	95055	14000				109055	17500	5580	2858	8438	6	304		120	247	677	2180	1103	1780	10218	
Langdon, Mo.	5000					5000		1608		1608					22	22	585	378	400	2008	
Rock Port, Mo.	10000	5000				15000		2064		2064				26	13	39	1045	240	279	2343	
Sedalia, Mo.	6000	4000		100	150	10250	600	1054	305	1359	3				36	39	460	183	222	1581	
St. Joseph, Mo.	90000	9000		400	5000	104400		8099	223	8322	35	50	356		837	1278	2715	2715	3993	12315	
Topeka	34000					34000	7000	3505	705	4210	22	84	5	103	109	323	1075	419	742	4952	
Valley Falls	6000					6000		1988	174	2162					14	14	310	192	206	2368	
Totals	604555	72500	20000	3500	9839	710394	80404	52658	33324	85982	1051227		509	797	2197	4835	15210	9841	14676	100658	

Third — Western or Salina Conference

FINANCIAL

Name of Place	VALUATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY							Congregational Expenses			CONGREGATIONAL BENEVOLENCE									
											Unapportioned						Apportion			
	(40) Church Building	(41) Parsonage	(42) School and Parish House	(43) Endowment	(44) Other Property	(45) Tot. Valuat (40 to 44)	(46) Indebtedness	(47) Current	(48) Uusual	(49) Total (47 plus 48)	(50) Educatic	(51) Foreign Missions	(52) Americe Missions	(53) Social Missions	(54) Other Benevolence	(55) Total (50 to 54)	Amount Apportioned	(56) Amount Paid	(57) Total Benevolence (55 plus 56)	(58) Total (49 plus 57) Expenditures
Abilene	30000	8000		1000		39000		3941	400	4341		267		78	240	585	1070	500	1085	5426
Beloit	6000	3000	3000		30	12030		1141	43	1184	3	70		41		114	490	223	337	1521
Bunker Hill	4000	2000				6000	200	590	50	640							200			640
Bunker Hill	3500					3500		772		772	1		10	29	90	130	375	191	321	1093
Chapman	30000	2000		2150		34150		1578	120	1698		53	31	30		114	300	100	214	1912
Glasco	5000	4000				9000		2271	83	2354	2	18		25	15	60	645	297	357	2711
Greenleaf	3000	750				3750		662	214	876	1	88	10	102	75	276	270	274	550	1426
Greenleaf	3500	750				4250		1062	140	1202		89	10	74	55	228	370	117	345	1547
Hays	35000	8000				43000		3072	218	3290	24	76		129	66	295	575	575	870	4160
Long Island	2000					2000											75			
New Cambria	5500	2500				8000		674		674							250			674
New Cambria	7000					7000		470		470							150	29	29	499
Norcatur	1000	500				1500												54	54	54
Salina	75000	7000		3400		85400		8245	700	8945	55	9	40	250	360	714	3665	1691	2405	11350
Wakeeney	8000					8000		1084	273	1357	3	12	73	10	64	162	635	200	362	1719
Waterville	2500				40	2540		207		207				5	28	33	130	60	93	300
Waterville	9500	5000	3000		250	17750		1775	436	2211		27	10	5	138	180	670	340	520	2731
Totals	230500	43500	6000	6550	320	286870	200	27544	2677	30221	89	709	184	778	1131	2891	9870	4351	7542	37763
1942 Totals	1165355	156800	34600	10624	10159	1377538	96286	106232	45895	152127	660	2302	693	2267	4718	10649	33659	19665	30305	182432
1941 Totals	1155124	162300	34600	9524	14892	1376440	108133	109546	30821	140367	259	2306	776	4846	3029	11807	32495	19648	31455	171822
Increases	10231			1100		1098			15074	11760	401				1098		1155	17		10610
Decreases		5500			4733		11847	3314				4	83	2579		1167			1150	

It was moved and carried that the Statistician be authorized to use the assistance of Conference Presidents in obtaining reports from vacant parishes and that expenses be allowed.

A motion that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Wayne Easterday for Staistician was carried out and the President declared him elected.

The Historian's report was submitted and adopted.

Report of Synodical Historian

Your Historian wishes to chronicle the fact that 1943 marks the 75th anniversary of the organization of our Synod, which organization was effected at Topeka on November 5th of that year. It is with regret that owing to the conditions brought about by the war it was found to be impossible to celebrate the event at this Convention as had been intended.

The organizing ministers of the Synod were: John G. Ellinger, J. B. McAfee, S. P. Harrington, A. W. Wagenhals, A. J. Hesson, E. J. Keplinger and M. G. Boyer. The lay delegates were: J. W. Crotzer, G. W. Householder, A. P. Benson, J. G. Schmucker and John H. Stover. The Rev. S. P. Harrington was elected president, Rev. E. J. Keplinger, secretary, and Rev. A. W. Wagenhals, treasurer. Due to a slight misunderstanding Rev. D. Earhart was not present at this Convention but became a member of the Synod the year following. Your historian is the only living member of this Synod who has been privileged of knowing personally most of the ministrial organizers of the Synod and to receive from their own lips interesting events connected with the organization of the Synod and incidences of the early day history of the Synod. We wish to bear testimony to the zeal, self-sacrifice and great endurance of these men in establishing missions and carrying on the work during the trying times of the early days in the settlement of the midwest. They laid the foundation—it is ours to carry on. May we prove as faithful in our day as these men in their day.

During the year your historian has added to the files of the Minutes of Synod, the Kansas Synod Lutheran, programs of anniversaries and interesting events of various parishes. We would request that all pastors send to the Historian programs and newspaper accounts of the outstanding events of their congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. STAUFFER, Historian

The report of the Committee on Last Year's Minutes was submitted and adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Last Year's Minutes

"Your Committee has examined the printed Minutes of the 1942 Synodical Convention and has found them correct. We call attention to the amendments to the Constitution on page 40.

"Respectfully submitted,

Alvin D. Havekost

Geo. W. Eller"

The report of the Committee on Constitution was submitted and adopted.

The Committee of Tellers reported that a majority of ballots cast for Historian had fallen to the Rev. E. E. Stauffer, and the President declared him elected.

It was moved and carried that the proposed constitutional amendment to Paragraph 1 of ARTICLE VI, SECTION I B entitled "Of Ordained Ministers," be tabled; and that the Rev. E. E. Stauffer be requested to investigate the proper rules of procedure. The President instructed the Rev. E. E. Stauffer to make proper investigation for future report to Synod.

The time for recess having been reached, Synod was recessed until Wednesday morning, the Chaplain dismissing Synod by prayer.

The Third Session, May 5, 1943

The Synod assembled at 9:00 a.m. for the third session and was led in devotion by the Convention Chaplain.

The Rev. F. Eppling Reinartz, STM, D.D., Secretary for Promotion of the United Lutheran Church and Official Representative to this meeting of Synod, addressed the convention on "Prior Liens On Our Loyalty."

The Committee on Minutes moved that the minutes of sessions one and two be approved and the report was adopted.

The President announced appointments of lay personnel on the Convention committees as follows:

To the Committee on President's Report—Levi Dunlap, Evan Tonsing, Ira T. Koogle, Albert Grittman.

To the Committee on Executive Committee Report—Fred Stotts, Paul Darby, Fred Trepp, Clyde Tresner.

To the Committee on Resolutions—Frank Hall.

To the Committee on Reference and Councel—Q. A. Morgan.

To the Committee on Tellers—Ed Wrench, R. Cooper.

To the Committee on Claims—O. T. Davis, Wilbur Marshall.

The Rev. Fuller Bergstresser, D.D., was appointed to carry greetings from the Synod to the Sixty-third convention of the Women's Missionary Convention.

The Synod received an expression of gratitude from Mrs. George Eller, Beloit, for its remembrance of her during the last convention.

It was moved and carried that the proposed amendment tabled in the second session be taken from the table. The President, following the report of the Rev. E. E. Stauffer on proper procdures, ruled that the proposed amendment was out of order because it had been presented improperly at the 1942 convention.

Charles Harkness, Jr., not a lay delegate from his congregation was introduced as a lay member of the committee on Home Missions.

The report of the committee on Home Missions was submitted and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Home Missions

Ten congregations of the Synod are receiving assistance from the Missions Committee or from the Board of American Missions or from both.

St. Luke's Fort Smith, Arkansas. The Rev. Norbert Zabel resigned as pastor in October, 1942 to become a chaplain in the United States Army. The Board of American Missions assigned the Rev. J. E. Hummon to serve this congregation about January 1 pending the calling of a regular pastor. Camp Chaffee, an army training post, is located in this vicinity. The grant from the Board for this year is $400, a reduction of $100.

Trinity, Kansas City, Kansas. This congregation, too, lost its pastor to the armed services. The Rev. W. Wilbur Klover left this parish last summer to become an army chaplain, resigning his parstorate in October. The Board of American Missions assigned the Rev. W. I. Guss, D.D., to serve Trinity pending the calling of a regular pastor. Needed repairs have been made on the property. The Board reduces its grant for 1943 to $768 as per a prearranged schedule.

Zion, Hutchinson, Kansas, the Rev. E. R. Harrison, pastor. Real progress has been made here this year. The mortgage on the parsonage has been paid in full, several years ahead of schedule and amortization payments made on the church indebtedness leaves a mortgage of

$6,293.89. This is classified on "plan four" for four years from January 2, 1943, which calls for principal payments, without interest, of $593.83 for the first year and $630.00 annually thereafter. In the event of default, "plan two" would apply, retroactive to January 2, 1943. A large naval air base is located south of the city and has added much to the work of the church. The grant for 1943 from the Home Missions Committee remains at $300 but there is a reduction of $100 from the grant of the Board of American Missions to $650.

Zion's, Beloit, Kansas, the George Eller, pastor. The grant to this church has been reduced to $240 for this year. A passageway connecting the church and the parish house has been constructed.

Bethlehem, Wakeeney, Kansas, the Rev. G. C. Schaub, Ph.D., supply pastors. This congregation and its pastor are assuming more and more a position of leadership in the community. The grant from the Home Missions Committee has been reduced to $250 for 1943.

St. Mark's Norcatur, Kansas. Little information is available on this parish but it is known the Rev. C. F. Wiest, D.G., Hays, has preached there this past year. Plans already approved by the Executive Committee are being made for the care of this church by the Augustana Synod pastor at Herndon, Kansas.

St. Paul's Long Island, Kansas. No information is available about this church.

First, Topeka, Kansas, the Rev. Ralph Rangler, pastor. Progress continues to be made in this church and it is possible it may become self-supporting this year. The committee is making a grant of $200 but the congregation does not intend to use it unless necessary.

Trinity, Sedalia, Missouri, the Rev. Samuel Jensen, pastor. This congregation, formerly a part of the Sedalia-Cole parish, is an addition this year to the churches receiving aid. Rev. Jensen became pastor February 1, 1943. A grant of $300 has been made by the committee.

Children's Memorial, Kansas City, Missouri, the Rev. J. A. McCulloch, D.D., pastor. This congregation receives a grant of $200 to be applied on payment of interest as instructed by the 1941 convention of Synod.

Following the death of the chairman, the Rev. S. A. Hamrick, the Executive Committee allowed this vacancy together with the one caused by the resignation of the Rev. R. D. Kerstetter to remain and appointed the Rev. Andreas Bard, D.D., as acting chairman. However, the president of the Synod assumed the responsibility of working with the Board of American Missions in the filling of the vacancies at Fort Smith, Arkansas and Kansas City, Kansas.

The term of Rev. Hamrick would have expired at this convention. Therefore there must be a clerical member elected for a full term and one to complete the term of Rev. Kersetter expiring in 1945. The term of Mr. Ralph E. Hangen also expires and he is not eligible for re-election. With the exception of the president of Synod, no laymen nor clergy from mission churches are permitted to serve on this committee.

The committee through its chairman and the president of Synod participated with other Lutheran bodies in this territory in the Topeka Regional Lutheran Home Missions Council. A report on this council prepared by the Rev. G. R. Whittecar is appended as a part of this report.

The budget for 1943 follows:

Grants from the Board of American Missions:	
St. Luke's Fort Smith, Arkansas	$400.00
Trinity, Kansas City, Kansas	768.00
Zion, Hutchinson, Kansas	650.00
Grants from the Home Missions Committee:	
Zion, Hutchinson, Kansas	300.00
Zion's, Beloit, Kansas	240.00
Bethlehem, Wakeeney, Kansas	250.00
First, Topeka, Kansas	200.00
Trinity, Sedalia, Missouri	400.00
Children's Memorial, Kansas City, Mo.	200.00
Committee Expenses	200.00
Total	$1790.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Chas. A. Harkness, Jr., for the Committee.

The report of the Topeka Regional Home Missions Council was submitted and adopted.

Topeka Regional Lutheran Home Missions Council

This body, representing the United Lutheran Church, the Augustana Synod, the American Lutheran Church, the United Danish Lutheran Church, and the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, held three meetings during the year, although at only one of the three was there a quorum of the members present.

When I assumed office as President of the Synod I also assumed the place on this council formerly held by Pastor Klover. Our Pastor Hamrick was President of the Council during the year.

A meeting was held at Topeka on November 9 at which the Reverend A. M. Knudson, D. D., was present representing the Commission

on American Missions of the National Lutheran Council. He set before the council the necessity of the church's equipping itself with men and programs to serve the many thousands of civilian war-workers throughout America who have become detached from their home communities and who now have no churches of their own faith near them. Responsibility for this ministry within the territory of the Topeka region (the same territory as is covered by our synod) was laid directly upon this local council. There not being a quorum of the members present, no official action was taken.

On January 14, 1943, a meeting was held at Kansas City at which I was present. Officers were elected as follows: President, the Reverend Leslie A. F. Carlson (Augustana Synod); Vice-president, the Reverend George R. Whittecar (U. L. C. A.), and Secretary-treasurer, the Reverend C. A. Schaff (American Lutheran Church).

As a result of discussion on the problem of migrating civilian workers in this territory it was pointed out that the greatest service can be rendered by all pastors if they promptly report the names of members of their congregations who have left their local communities to the transfer service department of their respective synodical organization. With us that means the Board of American Missions office in New York. With regard to the problem of serving existing congregations, particularly some in rural communities, a recommendation was made that the Presidents of the Kansas Synod, U. L. C. A., and the Kansas Conference, Augustana Synod, be requested to seek to effect amiable agreements for the care of our church at Norcatur by the Augustana Synod pastor located at Herndon, Kansas, and of the Cottage Hill, Augustana Synod, church near Waterville by our Pastor Search. This proposal received the indorsement of our executive committee January 20 and negotiations looking toward making it effective are under way.

The council petitioned the Commission on American Missions of the National Lutheran Council to arrange ways and means to defray expenses incurred by the functioning of the regional councils. So far, expense accounts for our two delegates have been paid from our general synodical treasury.

It is my opinion that this regoinal council gives promise of being of most helpful agency in the development of our Lutheran Church program in this region.

Respectfully Submitted,
George R. Whittecar.

It was moved and carried that in electing clerical members of the Committee on Home Missions, the first member elected shall serve the three year term and the second member elected shall serve the two year term.

The Rev. Fred Weigman, president of Midland College, was introduced and it was moved and carried that he be made an advisory member.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was submitted and adopted.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions

A personal letter and a mimeographed letter urging pastors to observe Foreign Missions month were mailed to each parish. An itinerary for a visiting missionary was set up, but it was cancelled by the Board of Foreign Missions. No meetings were held. Members of the committee were consulted by mail on matters of importance.

Respectfully submitted
J. Ernest Messer, chairman
D. L. McConnell
E. R. Harrison

The report of the Committee on Pensions and Relief was submitted and adopted.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief

The General Convention of the Church adopted a Contributory Pension Plan at Louisville last October. This new Reserve Plan provides for a yearly contribution both by the minister and by the congregation of a sum equal to 4% of the salary. The contribution of pastor and congregation will be credited to the account of the pastor. This account is increased by interest. The plan provides for annuities for widows and minor children. The minimum retirement age is 65 years. Members may elect to pay additional amounts for larger annuities. The plan will be put into operation when 500 ministers and their congregations or other salary paying agency have signified their intention of joining.

The original Pension Plan under which endowment fund income and apportionment receipts combined to meet the pension payments, is retained.

As of March first, 1943, eighty pastors and their congregations adopted the Plan. Among these are Trinity of Abilene, Trinity of Lawrence and Trinity of Hays in our Synod.

A questionaire relative to the Contributory Plan was sent to representatives of our congregations. Three pastors did not reply. Eighteen pastors representing twenty congregations responded.

The Plan has been presented to seven Councils. Six approved.

It has been presented to five congregations and approved by three of them.

Twelve pastors agree with the Plan in principle; five pastors do not.

One pastor regrets the dual system.

One congregation has adopted its own plan on account of the age of its pastor.

The Pension Roll for the Synod of Kansas and adjacent States is as follows:

Retired ministers	3	$ 900
Widows	11	2200
Children	3	150
Total	17	$3250

The Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief has a deficit of $100,000. The Church instructed the Board at the Louisville Convention that it could not borrow money after 1944 and the implication is that the accumulated deficit must be paid.

The present Roll of the Board includes 385 ministers, 637 widows, 111 children and 7 women missionaries, which required in 1942, $250,252.

We recommend Councils and congregations give careful considerationto the proposed C. P. P and take action.

Respectfully,

B. R. Lantz

J. A. McCulloch

It was moved and carried that Pensions and Relief as it pertained to the Contributory Pension Plan should be referred to the Committee on References and Council with instructions to recommend a proper place in the convention program for its discussion and action.

The Committee of Tellers reported that there had been no election lay personnel of the Committee on Home Missions for lack of a majority

It was moved and carried that election of personnel to the Committee on Home Missions be tabled and made the first item of business at session four.

Recess was declared and the Convention Chaplain dismissed Synod with the benediction to reconvene at 1:45 p.m.

The Fourth Session, May 5, 1943

The Synod assembled at 1:45 p.m. to be led by the Convention Chaplain in a Service of Memorial for Departed Members.

It was moved and carried that if no election result on the next ballot cast for clergy personnel of the Committee on Home Missions the

next ballot shall be limited to the names of those receiving the three highest number of votes.

The Committee of Tellers reported that there was no election of lay personnel of the Committee on Home Missions for lack of a majority vote.

It was moved and carried that if no election result on the next ballot for lay personnel of the Committee on Home Missions the next ballot shall be limited to the names of those receiving the three highest number of votes.

The Committee on Minutes reported two errors in the minutes of SESSION THREE and it was moved and carried that the corrected minutes be adopted.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel submitted the following report, which was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel

The Committee on Reference and Counsel recommends the following additions to the order of business for Synod:

1. A hearing of the Rev. John C. Hershey, D.D., President of the Synod of Nebraska, immediately following the report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel.

2. Consideration of a resolution concerning the status of ministers under discipline by Synods, as relating to the Oklahoma City situation, to be presented by Pastor E. R. Harrison, following the report of the Committee on President's Report.

3. Further discussion of Ministerial Pensions, a matter tabled for that purpose at the Wednesday morning session, following the report of Trustees to Midland College.

4. Reception of Greetings by a representative of the Synodical Womens' Missionary Society at such time as the representative appears.

The Committee:
Ernest Tonsing
J. A. McCulloch
Quincy Morgan

The Rev. John C. Hershey, D.D., President of the Synod of Nebraska, brought greetings to the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States.

The Report of the Western Conference was submitted and adopted.

Report of the Western Conference

In response to the recommendation of the Synodical Executive

Committee, no fall conference was held. Upon the suggestion of the President of Synod, several visits to parishes were made, principally to assist in arrangements for the pastoral care of vacant parishes.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Ernest Messer

The Report of the Southern Conference was submitted and adopted

Report of the Southern Conference

In keeping with the resolution of the Executive Committee on August 17, the Southern Conference will not meet until the meeting of Synod. The Rev. Mr. R. Pfeiffer, former secretary-treasurer of the conference, turned over to the president the minutes and $1.83 belonging to the conference. This money has been deposited to the credit of the conference with treasurer L. T. Bang. At the present time there are three vancancies in the conference.

Eugene R. Harrison

The Report of the Eastern Conference was submitted and adopted.

Report of the Eastern Conference

By action of the Executive Committee of Synod no conference meeting was held during this Synodical year. Under date of November 2, 1942, I received the resignation of Rev. A. W. Malin as secretary-treasurer due to his removal from the bounds of Synod. He inclosed a check for a balance of $7.56, which is now the balance on hand. Officers will be elected at the coming session of Synod.

D. L. McConnell, president

The Committee of Tellers reported that a majority of ballots cast for Clerical personnel of the Committee on Home Missions had fallen to the Rev. Ernest Tonsing and the President declared him elected, his term to be for three years.

The Committee of Tellers reported that there had been no election of lay personnel to the Committee on Home Missions for lack of a majority.

The Committee on Presidents' report submitted the following report which was adopted

Report of the Committee on the President's Report

Your Presidents' reports summarize the work of that office in a detailed and satisfactory manner. The committee was impressed with two major concerns constantly before the leadership of Synod. One was the problems growing out of the First Lutheran Church situation in Oklahoma City relative to the Synodical status of the former pastor. The other problem was largely brought about by the war emergency

affecting parish pulpit vacancies. Both of the situations have been effectively handled by the able leadership of the two presidents who served Synod during the past year.

The concluding trend of the Presidents' report indicates that the life of the church is vigorous and forward moving in all its relations to opportunities at hand for extending the Kingdom of Christ.

The Committee recommends:

1. That we commend the present and former presidents for their faithful stewardship of the affairs of the Synod during the past year and that we heartily endorse for adoption the recommendation included in President Whittecar's report.

2. That pastors, lay leaders and committees of Synod support the President in these war emergency days to maintain the state of the church on its highest possible spiritual level.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred J. Beil, chairman

The Secretary announced that one full page of President Klover's report, numbering six paragraphs, had been left unprinted through error; the same to be inserted between paragraphs four and five of his report as printed in the pre-convention bulletin. The motion was made and carried that paragraph nine of the report of the Rev Klover (paragraph 5 of the omission) should be in included in the protocol but should not be included in the printed minutes of the Synod.

The Committee of Tellers reported that a majority of ballots cast for clerical personnel of the Committee on Home Missions had fallen to the Rev. Alvin D. Havekost and the President declared him elected for a two-year term.

The Committee of Tellers reported that there was still no election of lay personnel of the Committee on Home Missions for lack of a majority.

The following PETITION, PREAMBLE and QUESTIONS addressed to the Board of Adjudication of the United Lutheran Church in America, was submitted and a motion was made and carried that the questions be considered seri-atem.

PETITION

From the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, to the Commission of Adjudication of the United Lutheran Church in America. With reference to a Synod's recognizing the disciplinary action of another constituent Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America.

PREAMBLE

Whereas, on April 16, 1942, at the 74th Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, the Reverend F. H. Bloch, a member of that Synod, charged with "insubordination and wilful violation of the Synodical Constitution," and of "conduct incompatible with the character of the ministerial office," was tried under due process as provided in the Synodical Constitution and was found to be guilty as charged, and the penalty imposed on him was "suspension from the ministerial office," which penalty has not been removed; and

Whereas, at the 53rd Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Mid-west, on May 7, 1942, the Rev. F. H. Bloch was received as a member of that Synod.

We therefore petition the Commission of Adjudication to decide the following:

QUESTIONS

1. Should an ordained minister be received into the membership of a Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America who cannot present a certificate of transfer testifying to his good standing in the Synod from which he comes?

2. Is a Constituent Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America obligated to recognize the disciplinary actions of a sister Synod?

3. Is F. H. Bloch a member of the Kansas Synod but under suspension?

4. Is F. H. Bloch a minister in good standing of a Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America?

It was moved and carried that the PETITION, PREAMBLE and QUESTIONS be tabled.

Mrs. Julus Comby brought to the Synod the greetings of the Women's Missionary Society.

The Committee of Tellers reported that a majority of ballots cast for lay personnel of the Committee on Home Missions had fallen to H. L. Wortz, Wichita, and the President declared him elected.

It was moved and carried that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for F. Hill, Paul Darby and Ted Davis as lay personnel of the Executive Committee and the President declared them elected.

The report of the Committee on Executive Committee's Report was submitted and it was moved and carried that itsc recommendations be considered seri-atem.

Report of the Committee on Executive Committee's Report

Your Committee on the Executive Committee Report approves the action in the matter of the Oklahoma City Congregation and its judgment relative to the expenses of attendance at meetings not called by Synod Officials. (received).

We recommend Synod approve the Executive Committee's action relative to the Sedalia-Cole Camp Parish separation. (adopted).

We note with gratification the unusual financial report of the Camp Washunga Committee as included in the Executive Committee's report. (received).

We recommend that Synod abide by its action of the 1942 convention in regard to the $1,200.00 INNER MISSION-DEAF MUTE fund. (adopted).

The Apportionment of $5.20 (per capita) was recommended and accepted by Synod in 1942. We recommend that the apportionment be set at $5.00 as of last year. (This recommendation was amended and acted upon later. See below.)

Committee: G. K. Mykland, R. E. Rangeler, B. R. Lantz, Paul W. Darby, Fred Trepp.

It was moved and carried that Synod recess to hear the cause of LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION presented by the Rev. F. Eppling Reinartz, D.D., and to reassemble at once following his presentation to continue the business at hand.

Following the presentation of LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION, Synod reassembled at once according to a previous motion.

It was moved and carried that the recommendation of the Committee on Executive Committee's report relative to the apportionment for 1943 be amended to read, "We recommend that th apportionment be set at $5.00 and that the Synod Treasury should be alloted 60 cents instead of 80 cents.

The report of the Committee on Executive Committee's Report was adopted.

The Report of the Midland College Trustees, including supplementary recommendations by the Executive Committee of the College. was submitted and the motion was made and carried that the recommendations be considered seri-atem.

Report of Trustees of Midland College and Western Seminary

The years 1942-1943, which began September 7, 1942, has been an unusual year. The war program has occupied primary importance among the outside influences on the organization and curriculum of the College and Seminary. All considerations have been keyed into this. Not a member of the faculty, staff or student body has failed to respond with enthusiasm to whatever calls were made upon them by the Government or the College administration. The morale and spirit have been of the best.

The following developments during the year deserve special mention:

1. **Increased Synodical Support.** The support from our constituent Synods has increased. Attention should be called to the fact that Nebraska, Iowa, Pacific and California Synods have made the appropriations to the College and Seminary a matter of priority. This guarantee of support has been very effective in maintaining the morale of the faculty. Will the Kansas Synod do likewise?

2. **Continued U.L.C. Support.** We cannot be unmindful of the undergirding of the College by the continued appropriation of $8,400 annually by the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church. This appropriation is making possible the monthly reduction of the bonded indebtedness of the College. The mortgage indebtedness has been reduced $2,846.33 during the past year. Of the amount which is sent us by the Board, $1,000 is set apart for the department of Christian Education. The remainder is used for general purposes of administration.

3. **Fremont-Midland Emphasis Week.** The citizens of Fremont subscribed and paid $3,393.81 this year as compared with $3,285.63 last year. This is the fourth year of a five year program, during which the city of Fremont promised to give to the College $10,000. The city has oversubscribed its promise, as these figures indicate. The Board records its appreciation of the efforts of A. E. Anderson, Art Baldwin and H. A. Gunderson, who are our official connecting links with the Fremont-Midland Emphasis Fund.

4. **Summary of Enrollment.** The total in the College was 314, distributed as follows: Seniors 19, juniors 39, sophomores 86, freshmen 156, irregulars 14. An additional 93 students enrolled in special schools, exclusive of the Seminary, which had 26, and the summer school, which had 161. The net grand total enrollment was 594, as compared with 617 a year ago.

5. **Faculty Needs.** Ten years ago the salaries of our faculty were cut some 40%, very little, if any, of which has been restored to date. The average salary now being paid is in the neighborhood of $1,500

for a nine month term, and under present conditions this salary schedule is much too low. A fair salary, based on the scale in operation in representative colleges, is between $2,000 and $2,400, and we should make every effort to see that this level is reached this year.

6. **Financial Needs.** Although the Synodical and Fremont support are increasing somewhat, the fact remains that the rise is too slow to retire our indebtedness, build up our endowment, restore salaries, maintain the equipment, and provide for necessary expansion. This Synod should take some action looking to a relief of this situation.

7. **Army and Navy Training Program.** Several Nebraska colleges have already been selected by the joint committee for the Army and Navy Training Program. The War Manpower Commission has written the College the following letter in this connection:

> "The Committee has approved the first group of institutions to be used in the Army and Navy Training Program. This represents only a small number of the institutions which will eventually be used. The Committee will continue to approve other institutions. Every institution in the country not approved up to the present should conclude that its facilities will not be used. The facilities of Midland College, Fremont, Nebraska, are receiving very careful consideration."

8. **Western Theological Seminary.** Under the direction of Dean Thomas D. Rinde, the Seminary is having an unprecedented growth, not only in numbers, but in consolidation of curriculum and students activities. A fine spirit exists in the institution and genuine progress is being made. 26 students, including partial-study registrants, are enrolled. The property is in its best condition. By arrangement with the Executive Committee, Dean Rinde now operates the Seminary under its own budget, without sending requisitions through the College. The College administration supervises the budget, but does not issue requisitions in advance. This gives Dean Rinde a closer supervision of the operation and maintainance of the properties.

9. **Properties.** The buildings and properties of the College, both plant and endowment, are in good shape. With the limited funds for janitor service, Superintendent Wood has been able to maintain the rooms in good condition. With the decline of available men students for janitor services, it will be necessary for the Board to allocate a larger amount for this type of work.

10. **Inter-College Relationships.** The College and Seminary have had very close relations with Dana College and Seminary at Blair, and have had several exchanges of student visitations. Luther College at Wahoo has also been visited, and a very friendly spirit of co-operation exists among the three Lutheran colleges within this immediate area, namely: Midland, Dana and Luther. It is hoped that the rela-

tions between these institutions shall flourish and Lutheran education be further developed by our co-operative efforts.

11. **Prospects for the Future.** To the very limit of its capacities, the College will continue its present liberal arts organization. Every faculty member and all departments are being maintained with the hope that no reductions will have to be made despite decreasing enrollments. It is our firm conviction that any ground surrendered now will be retaken after the war only at the cost of great effort. We believe it to be advisable to hold that to which we have attained. We may reasonably expect about the same number of young women students next year. The enrollment of young men will, of course, be less, due to military requirements. Only pre-theological students, young men under 18, the physically unfit, and others deferred for necessary reasons, will make up the male population next year. However, there is assurance that some war programs will be secured for the College. At present 20 young men are in the Civil Aeronautics Administration War Training Program, and we are hopeful of increasing that number. These young men study for 8 weeks only, taking their ground school with us and their flight instruction at the Municipal airport.

12. **The Soul of the College.** Midland will not forget that it is a Christian college committed to a curriculum of liberal arts and Christian instruction in a Christian environment. Whatever is done in promoting the military program, and she will do all that is patriotically required, she will not fail to remember that the spiritual as well as the intellectual growth of the student is her responsibility. Even in connection with the war program, she will attempt to maintain the same standards that have characterized the College and Seminary for more than 50 years. Midland will need our prayers as well as our support, and she will also need the presence on the campus of our children to provide the leadership and co-operation without which a Christian institution cannot be maintained.

Prepared by J. A. McCulloch

Recommendation from the Executive Committee of the Midland College Board (as amended)

Reverend and Dear Sirs:

The Executive Committee of the College, meeting in regular session on March 16, heard the report of the Committee on Amendment to the By-Laws with reference to the constituency of the Board of Trustees and the status of Synodical presidents, and adopted the following recommendation for submission to the Synods for action at their spring session:

"After careful study of the charter and constitution of the College,

the statutes of the State of Nebraska and the precedents established by the Synods, your Committee would report as follows:

1. We recommend that the membership of the Board of Trustees of Midland College be elected according to the following schedule:

(a) By the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, 4 and the President of the Synod ex-officio, 1. Total 5.

(b) By the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, 4, and the President of the Synod ex-officio, 1. Total 5.

(c) By the Evangelical Synod of Midwest, 4, and the President of the Synod ex-officio, 1. Total 5.

(d) By the Evangelical Lutheran Rocky Mountain Synod, 2, and the President of the Synod ex-officio, 1. Total 3.

(e) By the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa, 2, and the President of the Synod ex-officio, 1. Total 3.

(f) By the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas, 2, and the President of the Synod ex-officio, 1. Total 3.

(g) By the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, 1, and the President of the Synod ex-officio, 1. Total 2.

(h) By the Evangelical Lutheran Pacific Synod, 1, and the President of the Synod ex-officio, 1. Total 2.

(i) By the Alumni Association, 3. Total 3.

(j) From Dodge County, elected by the Board of Trustees, 3. Total 3.

(k) Total membership of the Board, 35.

(1a) It is provided that, of the members elected by the Synod of Nebraska, and by the Synod of the Midwest, at least one each shall be a free holder in Dodge County, Nebraska, so that the full representation of Dodge County shall be 5, including the three members from Dodge County elected by the Board of Trustees as hereinbefore named.

(1b) It is provided that the President of the College shall be an advisory member of the Board by virtue of his office.

2. We further recommend that the Board of Trustees shall approve or disapprove by vote the election of each trustee; in case of the disapproval of any elected trustee, such election shall be referred back to the Synod or other elective body, for future action.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. McCulloch
A. J. Beil
A. B. J. Lentz, committee

It was moved and carried that recommendation 1 as amended should be adopted.

It was moved and carried that recommendation 2 should be adopted.

The Rev. Fred Weigman, president of Midland College, was introduced to the Synod and it was moved and carried that he be invited to address the Synod.

The report of the Miland College Trustees, including the amended recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College was adopted.

Synod was declared recessed at 6:02 p.m. until Wednesday morning and the Conventionu Chaplain dismissed the session with the benediction.

The Fifth Session, May 6, 1943

Synod assembled at 8:45 a.m. for the Fifth Session and was led in devotion by the convention chaplain.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel announced that it had no report.

The report of Tabitha Home Trustees was presented together with a financial statement. The Rev. O. W. Ebright, Superintendent of Tabitha Home, spoke on the conditions and plans of the home. The report was adopted.

Report of Tabitha Home Trustees

Another year of service to aged and children has been written into the records of eternity by Tabitha Home. Under the consecrated direction of Superintendent Ebright, Tabitha Home has offered care to a family which numbered 70 aged and 39 children on March 1st.

Present day conditions have brought certain problems to the home, among them being the difficulty of securing competent help against the attraction of high war time wages elsewhere, and the changing aspect of childrens' work due to laws offering mothers' pensions, aid for dependent children and the demand of childless homes for children. These and other problems are being met in an intelligent way by the Superintendent and the Board.

Financially the Lord has wonderfully blessed Tabitha Home during the year. All bills have been paid, funds borrowed from the building fund have been paid back in full, the building fund is growing, and contributions of food and other provisions have been most generous. The financial report of Tabitha Home will tell the complete story, and the Synodical Treasurer's report will show the part the Synod of Kansas has had in these financial blessings.

The time will come in the near future, when building materials are released from wartime restrictions, that Tabitha Home will once again take up the building program, the necessity of which is daily more evident. Preliminary steps have been taken, funds are being carefully held in readiness, so the building program will move forward when the proper building conditions appear.

Your trustees attended the annual meeting of the Board held

March 9th and have sought to give the Synod of Kansas its proper representation in the work of Tabitha Home.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. Rangeler

Tabitha Home Financial Summary, 1942

GENERAL FUND

INCOME:		
Operations	$21,099.35	
Synodical Apportions	5,576.31	
Voluntary Contributions	12,115.58	
Community Chest	2,800.00	$41,591.24
EXPENDITURES:		
Administration	$13,945.07	
Plant Operation	7,128.68	
Service and Relief	6,990.74	
Repay Building Fund	7,430.14	35,494.63
Excess of income over expenditures		$ 6,096.61

BUILDING FUND. The Treasurer's report shows the Building Fund, December 31, 1942 to be $21,450.34. The Board authorized the Executive Committee to transfer bonds amounting to $12,676.05 (purchase price) to this fund, making a total of $34,126.39 now in the building fund.

It was ruled by the President that the alternate lay delegate from Hays, Mr. A. F. Swanson, should be enrolled officially as lay delegate from Hays.

The Committee on Minutes moved that the minutes of the FOURTH SESSION be accepted, and it was carried.

It was moved and carried that the Committee on Minutes should be given the authority to approve minutes of the FIFTH SESSION.

The report of the Representative on Rural Work was submitted and adopted.

Report of the Representative on Rural Work

Members of the Synod:

The most worthwhile service your Rural Representative helped in this year was as an advisory member of the program committee of the Kansas State College, to set up a two-day Rural Pastor's Conference on February 9 and 10, 1943, at the time of the Kansas State College Farm and Home Week. This Conference was outstandingly well attended, the

program of a very high character and dominated with the spiritual mission of the church.

The first forenoon's consideration was Training Community and Church Leadership; Holding the Family Together and to the Soil; and the Cultivation of Worship. In the afternoon we met with the Farm Tenure Group which proved very informative as to its bearing on the economic, social and religious life of the people.

The forenoon of the second day was crowded with papers on Recreation; Youth; Work of the College Extension Department; and the Spiritual Regeneration. The closing afternoon had a stimulating discussion on Spiritual Foundations of the Church, with a forceful and timely address on the Spiritual Task of the Church by Very Reverend Daniel Conway, Rector at St. Mary's College.

There were ten speakers of which two were out of state: Rev. Shirly Green, of Meron Institute, Indiana, and Bishop Wm. Martin, of Omaha, Nebraska. The College financed it, and the Extension Department gave most generously of time and talents. The conference has found its place and is growing in influence and understanding, and will mean much to rural leaders in years to come. It is a hopeful sign when state institutions can see the need and extend a helping hand to a hard-pressed rural church, but less encouraging to note the indifference some church leaders take towards the rural church.

As a small Synod there is not much we can do in a large way except try to keep the rural church conscious of her mission and keep the matter before our U.C.L.A. leadership until some day a program will be initiated that will be for the whole church.

Would therefore recommend we continue to cooperate with the Kansas State College in its Rural Pastor's Conference and if possible attend, to inform ourselves of this service rendered the Rural Church.

2. That such amount of money shall be granted as shall take care of postage and literature in this field.

Respectfully,

G. K. Mykland

Mrs. Max Gilmer, wife of Chaplain Gilmer, was introduced to Synod.

The Committee of Tellers reported that a majority of ballots cast for Clerical member of the Tabitha Home Board had fallen to the Rev. R. E. Rangeler and the President declared him elected.

The report of the Necrology Committee was submitted and adopted. The President announced that by common consent a memorial page would be inserted in the printed minutes for the late Rev. S. A. Hamrick.

Report of the Committee on Necrology

An almost irreparable loss was sustained by Synod in the sudden passing of the Rev. S. A. Hamrick, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Atchison, on January 19, 1943. Pastor Hamrick, just entering his "forties," had been in St. Mark's Church and the Synod slightly more than four years, but in that time he had proven himself a talented leader in a number of fields. He was chairman of the Home Missions Committee at the time of his death, as well as a member of the Luther League committee and chairman of the Topeka Regional Home Missions Council. In young people's work, he had managed the Luther League Camp-Convention in 1941, and the Youth Leadership Camp in 1942. Many young peope of Luther League age and younger looked to him for counsel and guidance. As a pastor, his own people testify to his deep consciousness of pastoral responsibilities.

A son of the late Rev. Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hamrick, he was born August 16, 1902, at Woodstock, Va. He studied at the following schools: Graduate of Weidner Institute in Indiana, June 2, 1925; graduate of Carthage College, Carthage, Ill., June 10, 1929; graduate of Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary, Maywood, Ill., May, 1932, receiving B. D. degree. After ordination by the Indiana Synod at Louisville, Ky., he transferred to the Illinois Synod and assumed the pastorate of United Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Mo., in the spring of 1932. After serving six years there, he accepted a call to St. Mark's Church, in Atchison, and was installed December 4, 1938, by the Rev. W. W. Klover, then secretary of the Synod.

On December 25, 1931, he was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Haertel of Maywood, Ill. Besides his wife, three children survive: Samuel, age nine; carol, age five; and Marilou, age four.

No one coming from another Synod to this had acquired more friends, or attained a higher respect in so short a time as Pastor Hamrick. His definite evangelic convictions, his dynamic energy and his stalwart honesty are lasting monuments of a life spent in loving service for his Master.

Final rites were conducted in his former congregation on Friday, January 22, by the Rev. E. R. Harrison, Seminary classmate of the deceased and the Rev. G. L. Search, secretary of the Synod. Mr. Harrison preached the sermon. Interment was in Concordia Cemetery, Forest Park, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest Tonsing

The report of the Committee on Social Missions was submitted with a supplementary recommendation.

The recommendation was referred to the Executive Committee for action, and the report was adopted.

Social Mission Committee's Report

The Board of Social Missions has brought to our attention two very new and important matters this past year. The first has to do with social action, and the second with the selection of a full-time director of evangelism.

Facts regarding these two important items make up the main body of the committee's report. It is necessary that these facts appear in print, so that our Synod may discuss and decide upon a synodical plan of co-operation with the Board of Social Missions.

I. Seminar On Social Action.

A three-day Seminar on Social Action was held at Wagner College, Staten Island, New York, under the direction of Doctor Koch. A group of eighteen selected leaders came together and considered at some length the ways and means of implementing social action in the Church. The three major questions discussed were:

1. What is the Lutheran Church's approach to social problems?

2. What is the individual Christian's responsibility toward solving social problems?

3. What can be done in an intelligent manner to meet concrete social issues?

It was agreed that the Seminar was a worth while undertaking and that its values should be made available to the Church through a series of Institutes on Social Action.

II. Recommendations.

1. That we recognize the weighty responsibility resting upon the Church to seek to meet the spiritual needs of the millions of people whom circumstances incident to war have removed from their accustomed places to engage in service with the armed forces or to work in war industries, and that we call upon our pastors and congregations through Synodical and Conference Committees on Social Missions:

(1) To keep a close check on all their members:

(2) To seek to minister to those who have removed from the bounds of the parish by correspondence, church bulletins, visitation, and other means of preserving contact;

(3) To communicate with fellow Lutheran pastors into the

bounds of whose parishes members have moved, giving the names and addresses and commending them to their care; and

(4) To seek to provide a spiritual ministry to new people taking up residence in their respective parishes or communities.

2. That we express our gratitude for the provisions made by the State for chaplaincy service to our men in the armed foorces and for the continuance through exemption and deferment of the stream of ministers flowing into the service of the Church and the nation.

3. That we call upon our pastors and congregations to seek to adapt their parish ministry to those suffering through economic maladjustments, inconvenient hours of labor, and travel restrictions by providing such aids as:

(1) Advice and counsel regarding personal and family problems;

(2) Special services at suitable hours;

(3) Cottage or community prayer services.

4. That we view with alarm the rising tide of juvenile delinquency and that we call upon our pastors and members of our congregations to co-operate with public officials and all Christian agencies in their communities in the effort to provide effective safeguards for the young:

(1) By encouraging parents to fulfill their obligations at home;

(2) By seeking the supression of demoralizing influences in the community;

(3) By accepting responsibilities for the spiritual care of delinquents on parole.

5. That we deplore the prevalence of practices subversive of the holy estate of matrimony and that best interests of the home, such as the contracting of marriage on chance acquaintance and the operation of "marriage mills," and that we all urge our pastors to give particular attention in these times to guard the sanctity of the home.

6. That we urge our pastors, parents, and teachers in our church schools to warn their people, and especially the youth, against the evils of immorality and intemperance and to instruct them regarding the sanctity of the body, the temple of the Holy Ghost.

7. That we commend the plan of organizing classes and discussion groups in churches and communities for the study of the bases of a just and enduring peace and world reconstruction after the war, and that we recommend as a study-text "Christian World Action" by O. F. Nolde, issued by the United Lutheran Publication House at 40 cents per copy.

8. That recognizing the need for careful and prayerful preparation

for the colossal task of rehabilitating the war-stricken peoples of Europe and Asia after the war, we urge our pastors and congregations to rally to the appeal of the National Lutheran Council for Lutheran World Action as our present avenue of world service and als to anticipate the demands of the Lutheran World Convention when it launches forth on its post-war program as it did so effectively following World War 1.

9. That we approve the plan of holding Institutes on Social Action in the various synods and districts as may be arranged by the Executive Secretary.

III. Introducing Oscar William Carlson—Plan of Procedure.

"He shall give guidance and assistance to pastors in planning for accepted forms of evangelism, namely Visitation Evangelism, Adult Catechetical Evangelism, and Preaching-Teaching Missions.

"He shall be assigned upon request to and approved by the Department of Evangelism to work primarily in those communities where three or more United Lutheran Church congregations will co-operate in an evangelistic program. Requests for his services shall be made by the congregations to the Executive Secretary of the Board of Social Missions through the Board or Committee on Social Missions of the Synod to which they belong. Under limitations, made by the Board of Social Missions, he shall assist in or conduct Preaching-Teaching Missions.

"When assigned to work in a community, the local group shall be responsible for the traveling of the Director of Evangelism to and from the point of service, his board, room and incidental expenses while on the territory, and necessary evangelism literature as provided by the Board of Social Mission at cost price."

Recommendation

In compliance with the recommendation adopted by the United Lutheran Church in convention assembled at Louisville, Ky., in October, 1942, we recommend that the program of Social Missions be the order of the program at the fall district conference meetings if and when such meetings are held.

Respectfully submitted,
ALFRED J. BEIL, Chairman

The following constitutional amendment was moved and presented for vote at the 1944 convention of the Synod in accordance with the procedure required in Article Eleven, Paragraph Three of the Constitution.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

We the undersigned five ministers, delegates to the Seventy-fifth

annual convention of the Synod of Kansas ad Adjacent States, do hereby move the adoption of the following amendment to the Synodical Constitution to-wit:

That Section 3 of Article V be amended to read as follows:

1. There shall be a committee on Social Missions to consist of three ministers and two laymen appointed by the President.

2. It shall be charged with the duty of carrying out the three-fold program of Social Missions: Evangelism, Inner Missions and Social Action.

3. It shall cultivate the ideals of Social Missions in the hearts of the congregations of the Synod and keep the Synod fully informed on the progress of the cause in regular annual reports.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred J. Beil
George R. Whittecar
Alvin D. Havekost
George L. Search
Ernest Tonsing

The report of the Parish Education Committee was submitted and the recommendations considered seri-atem.

Report of Parish Education Committee

The Parish Education Committee of your Synod has been privileged to serve you in the following efforts:

Junior Camp

The second Junior Camp of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States was held at Wa-Shun-Ga, from June 21 to 26, 1942. Though the advisability of opening camp for our boys and girls has been questioned, the Junior camp was a real success, with approximately 140 persons present.

The major portion of credit for the success of our camp should have been given to the late Rev. S. A. Hamrick, who served so faithfully and well as Camp Director. Others who deserve our appreciation for a fine camp are: Mrs. R. L. Tonsing, Director of the Children of the Church program; Rev. E. R. Harrison, Director of Promotion and Recreation; Rev. E. F. Tonsing, Chaplain and Publicity Director; Rev. R. R. Pfeiffer, Director of Evening Programs; Rev. R. D. Kerstetter, Song Leader and Choir Director; Mrs. C. D. Soffelt, Pianist; and Herbert Wulslager, Life Guard.

Our very capable staff of teachers was: Mrs. C. C. Emmerson, Wichita; Mrs. E. F. Tonsing, Emporia; Mrs. Edgar Grass, Hays; Mrs.

C. D. Coffelt, Hays, who served as teachers of the junior course, "Worship Around the World"; Mrs. L. H. Wieneke, Wichita, who took charge of the small children; and Rev. R. R. Pfeiffer, Rev. R. D. Kerstetter and Rev. Paul L.Miller who taught the intermediate courses, "This is My Church," "Bible Challenges" and "Our Pastor's Sermons." A music period for the intermediate group was arranged in the morning schedule.

Dr. E. E. Stauffer, Rev. A. J. Beil and other adults whose names we do not have assisted with the general supervision of the camp and as cabin councilors. To all who cooperated so well in making our Junior camp a success, the committee on Parish Education wishes to express sincere thanks.

We regret that due to rationing and labor shortage it will be impossible to open the camp until the end of the duration. Let us therefore plan and pray for a program of increased educational and spiritual values when our camp may be reopened.

Promotion

The Regional Conference for Parish Education Committees, conducted by the Parish and Church School Board, met at the Chicago Lutheran Seminary in Maywood, Illinois, June 16 and 17, 1942. Rev. A. W. Malin and Rev. A. D. Havekost attended the conference at the request of the president of synod. These Regional Conferences are particularly important in these years when a new series of Sunday School lessons, "The Christian Growth Series" is being prepared to displace, "The Christian Life Course." It is easy to criticize lessons after they have been written, but it is much more helpful to offer constructive suggestions before they are written. Therefore, your committee is asking synod to appropriate sufficient money to send one member of the Parish Education Committee or a member of the Executive Committee of synod to the Regional Coonference in Maywood, Illinois, June 15 and 16, 1943.

Blanks for a "Report on Parish Education" have been sent to each congregation of our synod by the synodical statistician, Mr. Wayne Easterday. We wish to stress the importance of filling out these blanks, since they will provide information needed by the committees and writers who are preparing our new series of Sunday School lessons.

Six scholarships to Camp Nawakwa were granted to synodical representatives in the summer of 1942, through the cooperation of Camp Nawakwa, synodical committees on Parish Education and the Parish and Church School Board. Due to certain misunderstandings and delays, our synod failed to take advantage of the scholarship. Ten such scholarships for $20.00 each, are being offered this summer. It is hoped that when our camping program is continued, our synod will take advantage of one of these scholarships.

Parish Education Month was emphasized in September by a letter on Parish Education to all pastors and Sunday School superintendents and by an article in the Kansas Synod Lutheran. The new theme for the Parish Education in 1943 will be "Christian Growth"—In the Individual, in the Home and in the World. A packet of material will be sent to each pastor and Sunday School superintendent by the Parish and Church School Board. Let us examine this material carefully when it arrives this summer and order the supplies we will need in September.

Leadership Education is particularly important in these days when we are losing many of our former church school teachers. One congregation of our synod applied to your committee for help in organizing a teacher training course. Our report on Leadership Training for 1942 shows that 67 credit cards were issued to individuals, from the Kansas Synod, using our regular texts and 54 credit cards to those using other texts. Let us try to increase this number in 1943.

The Parish School Magazine has been revised and improved in the past year. Great pains have been taken to make its articles practical. In 1935, congregations of our synod took 55 subscriptions, in 1940 they took 115 supscriptions, in 1941 70 subscriptions and in 1942 91 subscriptions. Every church school worker and teacher should have an opportunity to read the Parish School Magazine.

A series of filmslides entitled, "The Church Life Experiences of the Smith Family" was offered to congregations of synod through your committee at a cost of 50 cents per congregation and the expense of transporting the equipment. The project failed to mature when only four congregations indicated a desire to use the filmslides. Your committee feels there are great educational and spiritual possibilities in the proper use of motion pictures and slides.

The Parish and Church School Board will send Rev. Earl S. Rudisill, as its representative to the territory of our synod from May 6 to 16. Your committee has arranged his itinerary.

We wish to stress the educational possibilities of the Church Bulletin Service of the United Lutheran Publication House. It is reported that in one year the orders for the bulletins have increased 300 per cent. Arrangements can now be made to supply small congregations with limited quantities of the bulletins at a most reasonable cost.

Recommendations

1. That synod provide $25.00 to pay the traveling expenses of a representative to attend the Regional Conference on Parish Education in Maywood, Illinois, from June 15 to 16, 1943. (Referred).

2. That Mrs. R. L. Tonsing be reappointed as synodical secretary of the Children of the Church. (Adopted).

3. That pastors, (and in the case of vacant pastorates, Sunday School superintendents), be urged to fill out blanks for a "Report on Parish Education" and return them to the synodical statistician, Mr. Wayne Easterday, immediately, if they have not done so. (Adopted).

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. Messer
Fred Schaeffer
Mrs. R. L. Tonsing
A. D. Havekost

Recommendation one was referred to the Executive Committee for action; recommendation two was adopted; recommendation three was adopted. The report as a whole was adopted.

The report of the Publicity Director was submitted and the report was adopted.

Report of Publicity Director

Our official Synodical organ, THE KANSAS SYNOD LUTHERAN, has enjoyed the usual fine response of pastors and executive officers to calls for copy and special reports. The Women's Missionary Society page and the Brotherhood Column have been handled through these organizations. Issues have appeared monthly except July and August.

Resumes of Synodical activity have appeared in THE LUTHERAN four times during the past year, besides several special articles sent in by pastors themselves. Circulation of THE LUTHERAN has decreased in this area, but it is hoped pastors will take measures to remedy the matter. One letter was sent out calling attention to "Church Paper Month." Dr. N. R. Melhorn requests appointment of a Synodical Committee on Publication as in the past.

Ernest Tonsing, Publicity Director

The Report of the Committee on Luther League was submitted and adopted.

Luther League Report

This report will be unavoidably limited and incomplete because of the death of Rev. Samuel Hamrick and changes of Synodical League officers.

There is no financial report available covering the Luther League convention held at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga, July 19-24, 1942. The total number attending was 112 and 24 extra meals were served. The treasurer in charge of funds since July made the following report for 1942:

Balance, Dec. 31, 1941	52.52
Receipts during 1942	296.01
Total receipts during 1942	348.53
Disbursements General Fund	$138.49
Disbursements Missionary Fund	102.25
Disbursements Sustaining Membership	36.00
Total disbursements during 1942	$276.74
Balance, December 31 ,1942	$ 71.79

Names of Leagues Contributing During 1942

St. Mark's, Kansas City, Intermediate	$30.00
St. Joseph, Y. P. L. L.	55.45
Atchison	35.00
Lawrence, Intermediate	10.00
Lawrence, Senior	30.00
Peabody	15.00
Beloit	9.50
Hutchinson	2.50
Tulsa	15.00
Trinity, K. C., Kansas	10.00
Abilene	15.00
Topeka	15.00
Wichita	15.00
Greenleaf	5.00

Officers of the Synodical Luther League

Lois June Bartel, President, 821 So. Grove, Wichita, Kan.
Mary Jane Eicholtz, Vice President, 612 West 3rd., Abilene, Kan.
Betty Emigh, Secretary, 609 East A, Hutchinson, Kan.
Charles Harkness III, Treasurer, Greenleaf, Kan.
Betty Hayward, Education Secretary, 445 No. 17th, St. Joeph, Mo.
Selma Beil, Mission Secretary, 13th and New Hampshire, Lawrence, Kan.
Rev. Ernest Tonsing, Life Service Sec., 206 West 7th, Emporia, Kan.
Mildred Schultz, Jocket Test. Sec., 217 E. Jewell, Salina, Kan.
DuWayne Woolston, Sustaining M. F. Sec., 318 North, Atchison, Kan.
Mrs. E. E. Bennett, Intermediate Sec., 39th and Frederick Ave., St. Joseph, Mo.

Pastors, adult sponsoring committees, and Luther Leaguers will have to help meet and solve the following problems:

War Emergency. A majority of young people available for Senior and Young Peoples' Luther Leagues have withdrawn from some communities to enter other locations where war industries offer employment. Other Leaguers have volunteered or have entered the armed forces of our country by way of the selective service system. Emphasis

on the Intermediate League and Boy Scout organizations would fit the age and needs of Leaguers not seriously affected by the war emergency.

Closer Adult Supervision. Pastors limited in time would have adult sponsoring committees giving counsel, directing and supervising the work in the congregation, synod, and Luther League of America.

Limited Support Will Be Appreciated. If it is impossible to keep some kind of a Luther League organized and operating, the following suggestions might be found helpful: Sunday School classes of Intermediate and Senior age should be informed about the Luther League organization and program. Young people, organized or unorganized, could be interested to the point of supporting the synodical program financially.

Luther League Convention. Since the convention will not be held at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga this coming summer, all pastors attending the synodical convention at Topeka should come with instructions from their local League as to the time and arrangement which can be followed for Luther League Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
ALFRED J. BEIL, Synodical Advisor

It was moved and carried that the Synod recommends to the authorities of the Luther League that the League convention be held at Camp WaShunGa.

It was moved and referred to the Executive Committee for action that the Luther League project be supported from the Synodical Treasury to the extent of $75.00.

It was moved and carried that the Secretary convey messages of appreciation to the Council of St. Mark's Church in Atchison; the Luther League of St. Mark's in Atchison; and the Chamber of Commerce of Atchison for their courteous invitation to the Synodical Luther League to hold its 1943 convention in that city and church.

The report of the Committee on Church Publications was submitted and adopted.

Report of Committee on Church Publications

A personal letter was mailed to all parishes during Church Paper Month.

Reviews of recent books published by the U. L. C. A. House have been mailed to the K. S. L.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Ernest Messer, chairman
Ernest Tonsing
Dr. Fuller Bergstresser

The Report of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Committee was submitted and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Seventy-fifth Anniversary

The committee was called to meet only once, in Kansas City, on January 20, 1943, following the Executive Committee's meeting there. Following action of the Executive Committee which deferred any celebration of Synod's Seventy-fifth Anniversary until after the war, the committee on Anniversary did not meet. This committee has been inactive during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

George L. Search, chairman

The report of the Committee on Merger was submitted and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Merger

At its 1942 convention the Midwest Synod voted to suspend negotiations toward merger with the Nebraska and Kansas Synods "until such time as may appear to be more propitious," stating in its resolution that "our earnest and many attempts to find common basis satisfactory to all Synods concerned have brought out fundamental differences in regard to the proper Lutheran attitude toward some important questions," and "further discussions on these same subjects would seem to be fruitless." Their commission on merger was dismissed and we were notified of their action.

The Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America, on being advised of this action, went on record July 9, 1942, as being "still of the opinion that such a merger (Kansas-Nebraska-Midwest Synods) is to be desired" and "ready to be of further service should opportunity present."

Furthermore the president of the Nebraska Synod has requested that we continue our merger committee so as to be ready to enter into renewed negotiations. He reports that officers of the Midwest Synod have declared that they would request their Synod to reappoint a merger committee this spring. It would appear from these facts that the merger proposition is not dead.

We therefore recommend:

1. That this Synod continue its merger committee.
2. That we restate our willingness to work with the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America toward the consumation of the proposed merger whenever it may see the desired opportunity and may call representatives of the various Synods into conference.

Respectfully submitted,

George R. Whittecar, chairman
George L. Search
Louis T. Bang

The report of delegates to the United Lutheran Church Biennial Convention was submitted and adopted.

Report of the U. C. L. A. Delegation

The following represented the Synod at the convention of the United Lutheran Church in America in Louisville, Ky., October 14-21, 1942: George R. Whittecar, chairman of the delegation; George L. Search, E. R. Harrison, R. E. Gaston, Fred Kloepper, Lancaster; Evan Tonsing, Atchison; Barton P. Sibole, Tulsa; and Arthur Swanson, Hays. All were present throughout the convention.

Wide publicity has been given to the program and actions of the convention through the church papers, and the Minutes of the Convention have been placed in the hands of all pastors and many laymen. For full information reference is made to such sources. This report is confined to mention of such items as particularly affect this Synod and such matters of general nature as elicited widespread interest.

All pastors of the church may be affected by the adoption of a new contributory pension plan which will be established and operated in addition to the present service pension plan for which funds are derived from apportionment and endowment. All ministers, upon reaching age of retirement, will continue to be eligible for benefits under the service pension. Additional benefits may be had by those who participate in the contributory plan in accordance with amounts paid in.

Keen interest was shown in the question of the U. L. C. A.'s accepting full membership in the Federal Council of Churches. Debate on this matter was intense, but the vote to continue the consultative membership was decisive. This vote might well be taken to mean a postponement, rather than a flat rejection of our accepting membership in the Federal Council, pending outcome of a reorganization currently affecting the Federal Council.

The convention heartily received and approved a proposition from the American Lutheran Church to establish pulpit and altar fellowship on the basis of the "Pittsburg Agreement" adopted by the U. L. C. A. at Omaha, and directed the President of the U. C. L. A., in conjunction with the President of the A. L. C. to consumate and declare the establishment of such fellowship at the earliest possible date.

The report of the Commission of Adjudication ,approved by the convention, contained its decision in the appeal instituted by the Midwest Synod relative to the Oklahoma City church and its synodical membership. This decision referred the matter back to the civil court for determination without in any way reversing actions of this Snyod in regard to that congregation and its pastor.

The memorials sent from this Synod in 1942 relative to inclusion of courses in Christian Marriage in college curricula was referred to the Board of Education for further study and action.

It is to be noted that our apportionment to the U. L. C. A. for 1942 is $16,123, on a basis of $2.46591 per capital of 6,529 communing members.

A resolution was adopted calling "upon all constituent Synods, and all congregations, and all servants and agencies of the Church engaged in promoting and advancing the cause of stewardship, to do all in their powers to bring about an advance in benevolent giving commensurate with the needs of our time."

A special promotional project was carried out by the delegates, acting under instructions given at the convention, as they visited the congregations in the Synod during weeks following the convention. All delegates, together with Dr. E. E. Stauffer, visitor at the convention, participated. Reports were made in most of the Synod's 41 congregations. Expenses were paid through offerings received, or by the delegates themselves.

A careful reading of the Minutes of the convention is recommended to all pastors and church councilmen.

George R. Whittecar, chairman of the delegation

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was submitted and it was moved and carried that recommendations be considered seri-atem.

Report of the Committee on Ministerial Education (As Amended)

Your committee on Ministerial Education submits the following report:

Your committee has concerned itself with seven young men who are in training for the Gospel ministry; four are in Seminary and three are in college.

Allison Hansen, Jack Ehlers of Trinity Church, Kansas City, Kansas, and H. P. Lauritsen of St. Mark's, Kansas City, Mo., entered the freshman class at Midland College last fall to begin their preparation for the Seminary. Allison Hansen entered the Armed Service on December 10th and at this writing is stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark. with the 102nd Med. Div.

Messers Olney Eaton, St. Johns, Salina, Kansas; J. Franklin Shirck, St. Mark's, Waterville, Kansas; and Wilfred H. Henning, St. Paul's, Goasco, Kansas, are just completing their first year in Seminary. William Ellers is a special student in the Seminary.

The chairman of the committee has received regular reports from the president of the College and the Dean of the Seminary who both speak highly of the consecrated work of these men. In addition they have been interviewed by the president of the Synod and the members

of the committee who are confident of their possibilities as future servants in our Lord's Church.

During the year the committee has allowed the following money:

Mr. Olney Eaton	$200.00
Mr. W. H. Henning	175.00
Mr. Allison Hansen	75.00
Mr. William Ellers	100.00
Total cost to Synod	$550.00

Summer plans for the men are as follows: Mr. Wm. Ellers has been serving Missouri Valley, Iowa as supply and will no doubt continue there in that capacity. Mr. W. H. Henning, who assisted the Rev. Mr. Arthur Pinkall at St. Luke's, Omaha, Nebr. last summer, will serve our parish at Bunkerhill-Wilson, Kansas, during the summer. Mr. Olney Eaton, who assisted the Rev. Dr. Lantz at St. John's, Salina, Kansas, last summer, will return again to that parish for the summer as assistant to Dr. Lantz. Mr. J. F. Shirck will return to Waterville to look after his farm there.

Mr. Jack Ehlers and Mr. H. P. Lauritsen have not asked the committee for any assistance but since their plans are for the Seminary, the committee has felt some measure of responsibility towards them and is happy to report on their good work.

No doubt the demands of the war will be felt greatly in this department of the life of the Church. Just how many will be able to return to their studies next fall remains to be seen. In addition there have been some inquiries as to how much new students can be assisted by this committee. So it is impossible to estimate the amount of money necessary to carry on this work for the coming year. However, the committee has suggested that at least $800.00 be included in the Synodical budget for this work.

On December 3, at the call of the Board of Education and the authorization of the president of Synod, the chairman attended a meeting at Harrisburg, Penn., to consider the needs of the Church for future ministers. The men gathered there came to the conclusion that the shortage of pastors was more local than national but did recognize the need of more BETTER men for the ministry. In keeping with this finding, the Rev. C. P. Harry visited in our Synod in March to confer with pastors and young men who might be interested in the ministry.

In view of the needs of this section of the country for more pastors your committee recommends:

1. That the Synod make such provision in its budget to cover the necessary amount. (Adopted).

2. That time be taken at this meeting of Synod to consider our present and future need for pastors and to take whatever steps may

be necessary, in keeping with the teaching of the Gospel and the practice of the church, to enlist young men for training to become faithful pastors and missionaries. (Adopted).

Eugene R. Harrison

It was moved and carried that the Committee on Ministerial Education promote congregational and district meetings, at which time the challenge of the Gospel Ministry shall be presented.

The Report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was adopted as amended.

The Committee of Tellers reported that a majority of the ballots cast for Kansas Synod Lutheran had fallen to the Rev. Ernest Tonsing, and the President declared him elected.

The report of the Committee on Work with Students was presented and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Work With Students

The student census was conducted in cooperation with the student congregations had responded to the census by the first of March, reporting 133 Lutheran Students attending 44 different institutions of secretary of the synodical Women's Missionary Society. Twenty-four higher learning. Of these students, 7 were attending Midland College and two were attending Western Theological Seminary.

After the information in questionnaires was tabulated, the names of students were sent to our Lutheran Pastors in student centers. The names of Lutheran Students attending school in communities other than their own were placed on the mailing list of the Kansas Synod Lutheran. A detailed report of the census was sent to the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church.

Your committee helped promote the Mid-West Regional Conference of the Lutheran Student Association at Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas, October 30 to November 1, 1942. Rev. Alfred J. Beil of our synod took part in the program.

In times such as these the church should be more and more concerned about helping young people prepare for full-time Christian Service. Another matter of major concern to the church is the matter of maintaining contact with students who are now in the military service with the purpose of encouraging them to continue their education after the duration.

The work of your committee with our "Leaders of Tomorrow" will be much more effective, if our pastors will:

1. Return questionnaires promptly, and
2. Indicate the chosen vocation and chief course of each student.

Respectfully submitted,

Alvin D. Havekost

It was moved and carried that the Secretary be instructed to cast unanimous ballot for Evan Tonsing for a member to the Board of trustees of Midland College and the President declared him elected.

It was moved and carried that if there be no election on the first ballot of clergy member to the Board of Trustees to Midland College the second ballot shall be limited to the names of those receiving the two highest number of ballots.

It was moved and carried that the "Petition Preamble and Questions" addressed to the Board of Adjudication of the United Lutheran Church in America should be sent to that body for adjudication.

A Secondary report of the Examining Committee was submitted and adopted.

Secondary Report of the Examining Committee

Mr. William Eller, Middler at Western Theological Seminary, has applied to this Synod for licensure. Your Examining Committee has given Mr. Eller a written examination and interviewed him relative to motives in entering the ministry. He has passed the examination satisfactorily and we recommend for licensure.

B. R. Lantz, Convenor

The report of the secretary of the Children of the Church was submitted and adopted.

Report of the Children of the Church

The work of the Children of the Church and Vacation Church Schools has moved forward the past year in every way. There are, however, about half of our congregations which do not yet offer these programs to their youth.. The children should receive half or more of the church's time and effort, building them into our christian leaders of tomorrow.

Sixty-one children were enrolled in the junior classes last summer at Junior camp session. The course, 'World Christians Worshiping', a Children of the Church unit, was used, supplemented by 'We Gather Together', and 'Worship Around the World'. Much fine class work was done by each teacher. These were Mrs. C. C. Emmerich and Mrs. L. H. Wieneke, Wichita; Mrs. E. F. Tonsing and Mrs. Ralph Bishop, Em-

poria; Mrs. Coffelt and Mrs. E. Grass, Hays; and Mrs. R. L. Tonsing, superintendent.

The statistical report from the Parish and Church School Board of Philadelphia, shows that our synodical Children of the Church offerings for 1942 were more than double our 1941 total. This is encouraging, and we ask that more groups inaugurate the program and have a part in this missionary work of our children.

May I present one resolution for your consideration;

That pastors now promoting Children of the Church work urge at least one pastor who has not yet offered it in his congregation, to do so the coming year, as a stabilization measure for the future of the child, and the church.

Mrs. R. L. Tonsing,
Synodical Secretary,
Children of the Church

The report of the committee on claims was submitted and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Claims

The committee recommends paying the following claims:

To Stanley Hawes, janitor service	$5.00
To Parish Education Committee, postage	$2.50

Signed:
E. H. Gilmer
O. T. Davis
W. E. Marshall

The report of the Committee on Absences and Excuses was presented and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Absences and Excuses

1. The following have asked to be excused from Synod: The Reverends G. C. Schaub; W. H. Moeller; Joseph O. Ensrud; Charles F. Weist; A. L. Groseclose; O. K. Oelke; Andreas Bard. We recommend they be excused.

2. Chaplains Norbert Zable and Max Gilmer* have not filed formal excuses; but it is recommended that they be excused.

3. Rev. O. W. Ebright was absent from sessions 1 to 4 that he might confer with other Synods upon Tabithats territory. He has not filed formtl excuse but we recommend that he be excused.

Signed:
George L. Search
J. Ernest Messer

(*An excuse from Chaplain Gilmer, who is overseas, arrived too late for the convention report—Secretary)

The report of the Committee on resolutions was submitted and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions

Your committee wished to voice the hearty appreciation of the Synod in convention:

1. For God's overruling providence in His sustaining grace during the past 75 years.

2. For the presence of the representative of the Board of the U.L.C.A. in the person of the Rev. F. Eppling Reinartz, D.D. His presentation of vital information and his inspirational messages gave to the Synod a new high.

3. For the welcomes by Mayor Frank Warren; the Rev. L. E. Schwartz president of the Topeka Ministerial Association; and the Rev. R. R. C. Friedstrom, pastor of the Augustana Lutheran Church in Topeka.

4. The reports of the convention by the papers of the City. The Capital and the Journal.

5. To our hosts, the pastor and congregation, to each one who made our presence so very pleasant at the convention.

6. For the many young people of the church, and our Synodical pastors in their office as Chaplins, who are serving their country so loyally in this great crisis.

Signed:
K. de Freese
C. N. Swihart
Robert Gaston

The committee on tellers reported that a majority of the ballots cast for a Clerical member to the Board of Trustees of Midland College had fallen to the Rev. George L. Search, and the President declared him elected.

The Publicity Chairman reported verbally that the Seventy-Fifth annual meeting of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States had received more than one hundred inches of space in the local newspapers; that much of the material was picked up by the Associated Press; and that he found reporters and editors generous with their time and willing to assist him in his task.

Children's Memorial Lutheran Church of Kansas City, Mo., the Rev. J. A. McCullough, pastor, invited the Seventy-sixth annual meeting of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States; and the Sixty-fourth annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society to meet in Children's Memorial Church.

It was moved and carried that the gracious invitation of Children's Memorial Lutheran Church of Kansas City, Mo., be accepted

The president declared all proper business had been cared for and on motion the Convention was adjourned until the next year.

The president formally closed the Seventy-Fifth Annual meeting of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States in the prescribed order.

Report of Committee on Minutes Submitted to Secretary on May 18, 1943

Your committee has examined the minutes of the fifth session of the Annual meeting of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States and has found them correct except for the following (errors that were corrected).

Attest: The foregoing is a true record of the proceedings of the Seventy-Fifth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

George L. Search, Secretary.

Report of the 1943 Annual Convention of the Men's Brotherhood of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States

The 1943 State Convention of The Men's Brotherhood of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States opened their meeting on May 4th at the First Lutheran Church, 5th and Harrison Street, Topeka, Kansas. The convention was called to order by the President, Dr. Frank W. Shafer of Salina Kansas.

The devotional service was in charge of Mr. Settle, of the Topeka Brotherhood. Mr. Settle read a portion of the 27th psalm. This was followed by the singing of that great Christian hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers." An inspirational poem was read by Mr. Settle followed by hymn singing. Responsive reading of the 34th psalm was followed by a hymn. The devotional service was concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

President Shafer of Salina read the President's report of the Kansas Synod Brotherhood for the year, May, 1942 to May, 1943. Motion was made and seconded that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

Secretary S. J. Turille of Emporia gave the secretary's report. The report with minor corrections was approved and accepted. Treasurer Clyde Tresner of Topeka presented the treasurer's report. Mr. Tresner then spoke of the encouraging growth of the Men's Brotherhood in the Synod. He emphasized that dues, state and national, should be forwarded to him at the earliest possible time. Some discussion followed the treasurer's report particularly is reference to the payment of national dues through the state office. Motion was made and seconded that the treasurer's report be accepted. Motion carried.

Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz, promotional secretary of the U.L.C.A., spoke briefly to the hundred Brotherhood Men assembled in Convention. He stressed the importance of the Men's Brotherhood organization in the promotion of the work of the church. Dr. Reinartz spoke later in the day at the annual brotherhood banquet.

The president of the Augustana, Kansas Synod Brotherhood, Mr. Carl A. Westen, of Topeka, spoke to the group. He conveyed the wishes of the Kansas Augustana Brotherhood Synod group to the Kansas U.L.C.A. Brotherhood Men. Mr. Westen pointed out the various points of mutual interest between our two bodies of Lutheran Men. He stressed the need for still closer co-operation between the two groups.

A round-table discussion followed. These discussions were in the nature of five minute reports by four Brotherhood men followed by a discussion from the floor. The leaders in the discussion built their theme around the family and especially around the responsibilities the men have in guiding their children into close Christian fellowship with

the church and mankind and in carrying the Christian influence to a society sorely needing this motivating force.

1. "Christian Men and Their Daily Work"——Rev. Jensen of Sedalia, Mo.
2. "Christian Men and Their Homes."——Rev. Harrison of Hutchinson, Kansas.
3. "Christian Men and Their Recreation"——Rev. Beal of Lawrence, Kansas.
4. "Christian Men and Educational Agencies"——Rev. Tonsing of Emporia, Kansas

Reverend W. W. Klover, formerly of Kansas City, Kansas, and now a Chaplain in the United States Army spoke briefly to the Brotherhood meeting He outlined the main functions of a chaplain as being first, a pastor and secondly, a preacher. Discussion followed from the floor with particular interest being displayed by pastors and laymen alike in the Lutheran Service Centers for Lutheran Men in the armed forces.

A business session followed. The new business opened with a report by the Nominating Committee. This committee was comprised of Mr. Wayne Easterday, Topeka, Chairman; Rev. W.W. Klover, Kansas City, Kansas and Rev. Havecost of Hays, Kansas. The Nominating Committee recommended the following men as State Brotherhood officers for the coming year.

For President:——Evan W. Tonsing, Atchison, Kansas
For Vice-President:——Paul Darby, Salina, Kansas
For Secretary:——S. J. Turille, Emporia, Kansas
For Treasurer:——Clyde Tresner, Topeka, Kansas
For Member of Executive Committee:——Frank Hall, Hays, Kansas.

A unanimous ballot for the slate recommended was cast. A short acceptance speech was made by President-Elect, Tonsing. He pledged an all-out effort to make 1943 a banner Brotherhood year.

An announcement of the Brotherhood banquet to be held later in the evening was made at this time. President-Elect Tonsing dismissed the meeting with a prayer. The Brotherhood Men reconvened at 7:00 P. M. the same evening for their annual banquet and installation of officers.

1943 State Brotherhood Banquet

Snedeker Cafe, Topeka, Kansas
May 4, 1943

The 1943 Men's Brotherhood Banquet of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States was held at Snedeker's Cafe, Topeka, Kansas on May 4, 1943. The banquet commenced at 7:00 P. M.

Mr. Clyde Tresner of the Topeka Brotherhood served as toastmaster. Rev. Whittecar of Tulsa, Oklahoma pronounced the invocation. Mr. Evan Tonsing of Atchison led group singing before the meal was served. Due to the large attendance of over 75 men at the banquet, quarters were crowded. As a result the toastmaster requested the men to return to the First Lutheran Church for the remainder of the program.

Mr. Tresner introduced Rev. Whittcar, President of Synod, who introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz. Dr. Reinartz gave a most inspirational and challenging address. His subject was "When Johnny Comes Marching Home." The speaker pointed out that the church must become a practical, dynamic church NOW if Johnny is to find the church he hopes to find when he comes marching home.

Installation of officers followed. Rev. Whittcar, President of the Synod, installed the newly-elected officers. After administering the oath of office, the installing officer, prayed for guidance and leadership for the officers and for the success of the Lutheran Men's Brotherhood during the coming year. The banquet-meeting was concluded with benediction pronounced by Reverend Lentz. Meeting adjourned.

S. J. Turille, Emporia, Kansas

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For 1943-1944

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Magazine— Mrs. Emma Wolf, 110 N.E. 7th St., Abilene, Kansas

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Student— Mrs. Alvin Havekost, 1207 Fort, Hays, Kansas

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Courtesy Chairman— Mrs. Walter Selle, 3935 Chestnut, Kansas City, Mo.

Editor of K. S. L.—Mrs. Paul Tonsing, 315 N. Terrace, Atchison, Kansas

Program Committee— Mrs. C.C. Emmerich, 1114 Amidon Ave, Wichita, Kansas; Mrs. George Search, Waterville, Kansas; Mrs. Harold E. Johnson, 143 South Drury, Kansas City, Mo.

PROCEEDINGS

of the

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

of the

Women's Missionary Society

of the

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Rev. R. E. Rangeler, Pastor
Topeka, Kansas

May 4-6, 1943

Tuesday, May 4, 9:00 A. M.

The service of the Holy Communion, with sermon by Rev. George R. Whittecar, President of Synod; the Rev. George L. Search, Secretary of Synod, Liturgist, preceded the formal opening of the Convention by the President, Mrs. R.E. Gaston.

The following officers and delegates were enrolled:

President: Mrs. R. E. Gaston.
Second Vice President: Mrs. Ralph Vague.
Third Vice President: Mrs. Ernest Tonsing.
Recording Secretary: Miss Helen Fink.
Statistical Secretary: Mrs. Fred Kloepper, Jr.
Treasurer: Miss Harriet Kjerulff.
Member of General Board: Mrs. J. P. Jensen
Industrial Secretary: Mrs. A. J. Beil.
Historian and Education Secretary: Mrs. E. P. Boersch.
Box Work: Mrs. George R. Whittecar.
Deaconess Secretary: Mrs. John Zimmerman.
Magazine Secretary: Mrs. Kenneth Jackson.
Mission Study & Lenten Week of Prayer Secretary: Mrs. J. O. Heiffner.
Student Secretary: Mrs. Alvin Havekost.
Thank Offering Secretary: Mrs. Wayne Easterday.
Courtesy Chairman: Mrs. Walter Selle.

Eastern Conference

Atchison: Mrs. E. F. Fink.

Bendena: Mrs. Angie Loyd, Miss Alice Albers.

Kansas City: "Trinity" Mrs. John Olsen, Mrs. Henry Christiansen, Mrs. Julius Comby.

Kansas City Mo.: "Children's Memorial" Mrs. A. D. Fennell.

Kansas City, Mo.: "St. Mark's" Mrs. Fred Schaefer, Mrs. C. L Canfield, Mrs. C.M. Zimmerman, Miss Lillian Dentinger

Lancaster: Mrs. William Rathert.

Lawrence: Mrs. Clara Messenheimer, Mrs. W.A. Prentiss.

Moray: Mrs. O.L. Steanson.

St. Joseph, Mo.: Mrs. Oscar Schmidt, Mrs. R. J. Tietz, Mrs. R. F. Rifenbary.

Topeka: Mrs. V. J. Rasmussen, Mrs. R. M. Elliot.

Valley Falls: Miss Nelle Pugh.

Western Conference

Abilene: Mrs. M. C. Gellart, Mrs. Emma Wolfe.

Beloit: Mrs. George Berneking.

Chapman: Mrs. Stella Loy.

Glasco: Miss Helen Henning.

Greenleaf: "St. Paul's" Mrs. George Waterman.

Hays: Mrs Frank Hall, Mrs. A. F. Swanson.

Salina: Mrs. Herbert W. Simmons, Mrs. J. W. Kraft.

Waterville: "St. Marks" Mrs. Emma Runkle.

Waterville: "Hebron" Mrs. George Search, Mrs. E. Mann.

Wilson: Mrs. Bertha Weinhold.

Southern Conference

Emporia: Mrs. E. T. Anderson.

Eureka: Mrs. W. S. Brackman, Mrs. Hugh Lovett.

Tulsa, Oklahoma: T. J. Hill.

Wichita: Mrs. C. C. Emmerick.

The Presentation of the Program was made by Mrs. George Wittecar. A motion to accept the program was carried.

Miss Selma Bergner, promotional secretary of the Women's Missionary Society was presented to the convention.

The session adjourned after prayer by Mrs. Gaston.

Tuesday, 1:15 P. M.

The Convention Theme "Ye are the Light of the World" was the devotional topic brought to us by Miss Lillian Dentinger, Parish Worker, Kansas City, Mo.

After roll call the minutes of the morning session were read and accepted.

Greetings were extended the Convention by Mrs. R. E. Rangler and the response was made by Mrs. Henry Christiansen.

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting were read as follows: The Executive Board met at the First Lutheran Church, Topeka, Kansas, May 3, 1943 at 7:00 P. M.

Recommendation was made to close doors during devotional services.

Recommendation was made to have an offering after the first item of business at each session.

Recommendation was made to place offerings in Synodical Treasury.

Recommendation was made to dispense with reading of the minutes after Tuesday afternoon session.

Recommendation was made to assume $100 of Miss Myrtle Wilke's salary for our Synodical Special for the coming year.

Recommendation was made that the Spnodical Women's Missionary Society offer a years tuition for a girl student at Midland College whose purpose is full time Christian Service. The fund for the Scolarship shall be collected by free will offerings in the local society during the months of June and shall be administered by a committee to be appointed by the Executive Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Miss Helen Fink,
Recording Secretary.

A motion to accept recommendations seriatum carried.

All recommendations were accepted but one. After hearing a discussion on assuming $1000 toward the support of Miss Myrtle Wilkie, and learning of Miss Lilith Schwabs possible return to India this year, the recommendation was rejected. A motion to continue Miss Lilith Scrwab as our Synodical special was unanimously carried.

Announcement was made of the following convention committees:

Reporter for Kansas Synod Lutheran— Miss Helen Fink

Reporter for Lutheran Woman's Work— Mrs. C. M. Zimmerman

Reporter to the Lutheran— Mrs. Ernest Tonsing

Reporter to the Local Papers—Mrs. R.E. Rangeler

Greetings to Synod— Mrs. Julius Comby

Officers Reports—Mrs. M.C. Gellart, Mrs. Emma Runkle, Mrs. A.F. Swanson, Mrs. W.A. Prentiss

Education and Departmental Secretaries' Reports — Mrs. Oscar Schmidt, Mrs. T. J. Hill, Mrs. Rosa Brummer, Mrs. J. W. Kraft.

Resolutions—Mrs. Fred Shaefer, Mrs. Angie Loyd, Mrs. Geo Waterman

Committee on Secretaries Minutes— Mrs. Hugh Lovett, Mrs. V. J. Rasmussen

Committee on Claims—Miss Harriet Kjerulff, Mrs. Herbert Simmons, Miss Ester Reemsnyder.

Letters & Communications—Miss Nelle Rugh, Mrs. A. D. Fennell, Mrs. George Berneking.

Auditing—Miss Margaret Olson, Mrs. E. P. Boersch.

Tellers—Mrs. R. F. Rifenbary, Miss Helen Henning, Miss Alice Albers and Mrs. R. M. Elliot.

Report of the nominating committee was given by Mrs. C.C. Emmerich and this report was accepted.

The following report of Mrs. W. Wilbur Klover was read by Mrs. W. W. Wesson.

War has crept into the lives of all of us in some measure or other. Some have moved to be in defense work, others have moved to be with men in the armed forces and almost every family has some one directly connected with the war effort. It has even crept into our kitchens and into our daily plans for living. So it is that I was unable to finish my year as president of this organization and I bring you my report, not as complete in detail as I would have liked, because many of my papers are in Kansas City, but perhaps sufficient enough that you may be informed as to my activities.

There were no conference meetings in the fall due to difficulties of travel, however, a women's Congress was promoted in Kansas City on October 24-25 with Miss Ruth Juram, Miss Lilith Schwab and Mrs. G. K. Mykland as speakers. I was not in Kansas City at the time but the reports were most encouraging.

The Treasurer allowed $10. to this office for expenses, of which $7.05 was spent for postage and micellaneous expenses. The remainder of $2.95 was sent to Mrs. R. E. Gaston for desk expense.

If I have accomplished anything may the thanks be given to God and my fellow workers for it was through them I was able to do the little I did and if there be any fault will you be gracious enough to forgive my poor efforts. My prayers shall be for the success of the coming year and my best wishes and love to you all.

Respectfully submitted.
Martha Klover

Mrs. Ralph Vague, Second Vice President, presided as Mrs. R. E. Gaston gave the report of the President.

Report of the President

Through the Grace of our Heavenly Father the Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States meets in its Sixty-Third Annual Convention.

Since we last met in such a convention we have experienced many drastic changes. But the one thing that is unchanging is the saving love of Jesus Christ and His Command to all his followers, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," and His assurance to us, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Even in a world darkened by hatred and over-shadowed by the clouds of war, "Ye are the light of the world." Let us let our light so shine that men may glorify Our Father who is in heaven.

I was sorry to receive Mrs. Klover's resignation as president on January 9th of this year and I have attempted to complete this term of office and carry on the work which she was forced to relinquish, to the best of my ability. If I have accomplished anything it has been through the grace of God who strengthened me and the splendid co-operation of all our officers and members.

During four months I have written two articles for the Kansas Synod Lutheran and 205 letters and cards.

That we may go forward in His service, I recommend:

1. That we strive to increase our membership during the coming year.

2. That we continue our publicity in the Kansas Synod Lutheran in the following manner:

January——Mission Study-Promotional Secretary.
February——Deaconess-Executive Board Member
March——Industrial-Treasurer.
April——Convention Program.
May——Life Membership and in Memoriam-Box Work.
June——Extension-Promotional Secretary.
July——Patron and Patronage.
September——Vice-president.
October——Thank Offering-Student.
November—Magazine-Education Secretary.
December——Annuity-Statistician.

3. That we may let our light shine and always be abounding in the work of the Lord.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Mrs. Robert E. Gaston.

A motion that the reports of Presidents be referred to the proper committee carried.

The report of the Treasurer, Miss Harriet Kjerulff, was indeed a gratifying one. This report was referred to the proper committee.

The report of the Statistical Secretary was given by Mrs. Fred Kloepper, Jr. and was referred to the proper committee.

The report of the Promotional Secretary and chairman of Scholarship Committee, was read by Mrs. A. D. Havekost, in the absence of Mrs. G. K. Mykland who because of an accident some months ago was unable to attend. This report was referred to the proper committee.

The life and In Memorian shower was in charge of Mrs. Walter Selle, assisted by women from the societies presenting the memberships. Fifteen Life, three Life and In Memoriam and five transfer to In Memoriam were given. This was an impressive service.

An address was made by Miss Selma Berger.

Closing prayer.

Tuesday, 7:00 P.M.

The Convention dinner was held at the Church of the Covenant. It was a delicious dinner, followed by a program which included Miss. Selma Bergner and Miss Lilith Schwab as speakers. Mrs. John Zimmerman presented Our Deaconess Work and she was assisted by Miss Lillian Dentinger. Mrs. W. W. Wesson was Toastmistress.

Wednesday, 8:45 A. M.

The devotions were given by Miss Lilith Schwab.

The Roll Call was followed by worship with our offerings.

Mrs. Walter Selle, Courtesy chairman, presented Chaplain W. Wilbur Klover. This was indeed a happy occasion as well as an informative one.

The election of officers was the next matter of business. A motion to allow Life Members, present, voting privilege was carried.

The result of the election:

President: Mrs. R. E. Gaston.
First Vice President: Mrs. Helen Fink.
Second Vice President: Mrs. A. J. Schultz.
Third Vice President Mrs. Ernest Tonsing.
Recording Sesretary: Mrs. Kenneth Jackson.
Statistical Secretary: Mrs. Fred Kleopper, Jr.
Treasurer: Miss Harriet Kjerulff.
Industrial Secretary: Mrs. A. J. Beil.
Historian & Education Secretary: Mrs. E. P. Boersch.
Promotional Secretary: Mrs. G. K. Mykland.
Delegate to National Convention: Miss Harriet Kjerulff.
Alternate for President: Mrs. A. J. Beil.
Alternate for Delegate: Mrs. Walter Selle.

The Convention was indeed privileged to hear Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz, D. D. Promotional Secretary of the United Lutheran Church

in America, speak on "How War is Affecting the Lutheran Church in America".

Dr. Reinartz gave the closing prayer.

Wednesday, 1:15 P. M.

Devotions were given by Mrs. W. S. Barrackman.

The presentation of departmental work was in charge of Mrs. George R. Whittecar. Most of the Secretaries were present to give their phase of the work.

The worship with offerings.

"News from Headquarters" by Mrs. J. P. Jensen, Member of the Board, was, as always, full of first hand information as to what is taking place in the office at Philadelphia.

Dr. Fred Weigman, President of Midland College, spoke to us on "The Church School and the World of the Future."

Mrs. Walter Selle presented Dr. Fuller Bergstresser with greetings from Synod.

The session adjourned for a combined meeting with synod for the address of Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz on "Lutheran World Action."

Wednesday, 8:00 P. M.

The Evening Worship Service was in charge of Synod and included the sermon by Rev. Reinartz, the installation of the President of Synod, Rev. George R. Whittecar by Chaplain Klover and splendid music by the choir of First Lutheran Church, Topeka.

Devotions were conducted by Mrs. A. J. Beil.

The Courtesy Chairman presented Mrs. Max Gilmer whose husband is serving as Chaplain with the Armed Forces. Also Dr. O. W. Ebright, Superintendent of Tabitha Home.

The work of the Children of the Church was given in a letter, written by Mrs. R. L. Tonsing, and read by Mrs. C. C. Emmerich. Rev A. D. Havekost of the Parish and Church School Board of the Synod gave an interesting review of his work with the children.

The worship with offerings.

"The Challenge to Missionary Activity in the Post-War Era," was the subject of a most interesting address by Miss Lilitha Schwab. We hope for a full realization of all her dreams for India.

Reports of the Convention Committees followed.

Committee on Officers' Reports

After due consideration, the committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations included in the Presidents report. (See recommendations in the presidents report).

The very efficient work done and time given by both Mrs. Klover and Mrs. Gaston is greatly appreciated. We commend all other officers for their fine reports. We recommend that the reports of the officers be accepted as read.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. M.C. Gellert
Mrs. Emma S. Runkle
Mrs. W. A. Prentiss
Mrs. A. F. Swanson

A motion to vote on the recommendations in the President's report seriatum, carried. All recommendations were adopted.

Report of Committe on Education and Departmental Secretaries

Your committee on Education and Department Secretary Reports is pleased to submit the following:

The various departments preformed most faithful and efficient service the past year.

We express our sincere appreciation to them for their inspiration and helpful suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. O. H. Schmidt
Mrs. T. J. Hill
Mrs. J. W. Kraft

Motion to accept this report was carried.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

At the conclusion of this the Sixty-third Annual Convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, we thank God for his continued blessings upon us. In the recognition for His goodness we, the committee on resolutions, Present the following:

1. That we express our sincere gratitude to Rev. R. E. Rangler, Mrs. Rangeler and members and friends of the first Lutheran Church for their cordial hospitality and consideration for our comfort during these convention days.

2. That we express appreciation to Mrs. Robert Gaston for the inspirational and helpful program. We also commend the other

officers and department secretaries for their faithfulness throughout the year.

3. That to the women of First Lutheran Church of Topeka we express our sincere appreciation for the beautiful banquet and inspiring program.

4. And to our own Lilith Schwab and Miss Selma Bergner we express our deepest appreciation of the inspiring message which they brought to us.

5. That we express our appreciation to Chaplain Klover for his illuminating address and wish him God's richest blessing in his far reaching work.

6. That we thank Dr. Fred Wiegman for his inspirational and prophetical message concerning the future of our church.

7. That we register our appreciation for the fine greetings Synod extended through Dr. Fuller Bergstresser.

8. That we owe a debt of gratitude to the organist and the choir of first Lutheran Church and all others who took part, for their help in making this convention a true inspiration to all.

9. And finally, that we resolve to carry the convention theme, "Ye are the light of the world," into our daily living, that through us that light may shine and turn the forces of hate into a true and enduring peace.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Fred Schaefer
Mrs. Angie Loyd
Mrs. George Waterman

Motion to accept this report was carried.

Report on Letters and Communications

The following letters have been sent:
Mrs. W. W. Klover, Leesburg, Florida.
Mrs. G. K. Mykland, Chapman, Kansas
Mrs. Eleanor Hamrick, Atchison, Kansas.
Mrs. F. W. Juergensen, Wichita, Kansas.
Mrs. Paul Tonsing, Atchison, Kansas.
Mrs. Fuller Bergstresser, Abilene, Kansas.
Mr. M. J. Whitson, Topeka, Kansas.

Submitted by
Miss Nelle Pugh
Mrs. George Berneking
Mrs. A. D. Fennell

Motion to accept this report was carried.

Report of the Auditing Committee

"We have this date, February 7, 1943 audited the books of Miss Harriet Kjerulff, Treasurer and find them to be correct in every detail, and have proved the balance in the bank to be $330.72."

Signed,

Miss Magaret Olsen
Mrs. E. P. Boersch

Report of Committee on Claims

Mrs. Robert E. Gaston, President	$11.00
Miss Helen Fink, Recording Secretary	3.76
Mrs. Fred Kloepper, Jr. Statistical Secretary	2.25
Miss Harriet Kjerulff, Treasurer	6.58
Mrs. E. P. Boersch, Historian and Education Secretary	4.00
Mrs. A. J. Beil, Industrial Secretary	.80
Mrs. J. O. Heiffner, Mission Study Secretary	3.00
Miss Stella Ehret, Life and in Memoriam Secretary	2.00
Mrs. John Zimmerman, Deaconess Secretary	1.62
Mrs. George Whittecar, Box Work Secretary	1.50
Mrs. Kenneth Jackson, Magazine Secretary	1.84
Rev. W. W. Klover	10.00
Miss Lilith Schwab	10.00
Mr. Louis T. Bang, towards printing of minutes	50.00
General Headquarters, towards expenses of Miss Bergner	10.00
	$118.35

Motion to accept report of claims committee, including outstanding claims from secretaries not present, carried.

Report of Committee on Secretary's Minutes

We, the committee on Secretary's Minutes, have read them and find them correct. Therefore they stand approved.

Mrs. Hugh M. Lovett
Mrs. V. J. Rasmussen

Motion to accept this report carried.

The total offerings of the Convention were $36.50.

A motion to give a gift of $10.00 to Rev. W. W. Klover for his "discreation fund," carried.

A motion to send $10.00 to General Headquarters toward the expense of Miss Bergner, carried.

A motion was made to present a gift to Miss Schwab. The Executive Committee to decide on the gift. This motion carried.

A motion to give $50.00 to Synod toward the printing of the minutes, carried.

A motion to leave the 1944 Convention meeting place in the hands of the Executive Committee, carried.

The installation of newly elected officers was conducted by Miss Lilith Schwab, after which Mrs. Gaston declared the Sixty-third Annual Convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of Kansas and adjacent States closed.

Respectfully submitted,
Miss Helen Fink,
Recording Secretary.

Thursday, 11:30 A. M.

A short meeting of the Executive Committee was called to appoint a Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship was not applied for last year so the same committee was appointed to serve another year.

Chairman: Mrs. G. K. Mykland
Mrs. John Zimmerman
Mrs. A. D. Havekost

Advisory members: Mrs. J. P. Jensen and Dr. Mary Markley.

All applications for this Scolarship should be addressed to Mrs. G. K. Mykland, Chapman, Kansas.

Respectfully submitted,
Miss Helen Fink
Recording Secretary.

Report of the First Vice-President

In as much as Synod advised that no conference meeting be held because of the national emergency, the Eastern Conference of the Women's Missionary Society was not held this year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Robert E. Gaston.

Report of the Second Vice-President

Upon declarations from the Western Conference Societies and advice from the officers of the Western Conference of Synod, it was thought best not to hold a meeting this year.

We sincerely hope and pray that we soon have peace again but we know with it will come increased responsibilities for our societies. So our prayer extends to include ourselves that we may be girded and fit to meet those opportunities.

Therefore, we ask that we all work toward that goal. It means we must work. It means we must work harder. It means we must help our church in its benevolence and educational programs; that we work to keep up our membership, that we must be faithful to the study of other lands to learn well their customs and needs.

If these works we do, our next conference should be a happy and proud one, because what we have done for the Glory of God in war-time can be continued in peace time.

"My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." (John 5:17).

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Ralph Vague.

Report of the Third Vice-President

The Southern Conference, because of war transportation conditions, did not hold its annual meeting as planned. However, the aims of our Synodical Organization have been stressed in each society by local officers. A letter was sent to each society in which increased memberships were urged, and adherence to the aims and purposes of missionary effort. This conference feels that it lost a vital contact in not holding the annual meeting, and looks forward to the time when such sessions can be resumed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Ernest Tonsing.

Report of Box Work Secretary

Present war situations have tended to affect the activities of the Box Work Department especially as it is related to the foreign fields. Due to the continued need for supplies and difficulties of shipping the same cash gifts have been urged for the foreign field rather than boxes of materials.

An opportunity was given our societies to participate in a special Christmas project this year in the giving of Christmas gifts to Japanese children in relocation centers throughout the country. These were distributed by our general secretary, Mrs. Raymond B. Fenner.

Communications this year especially encouraged each society to

participate in at least one box work project. For further information on this department consult the statistical report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. George R. Whittecar.

Report of the Educational Secretary

One copy each of the Kansas Lutheran, and a copy of the 1943 Minutes, has been placed on file. Also, I have placed on file a copy of the Lutheran Missionary Journal issued March 4, 1904. This is a very interesting journal and adds much to our historical collection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. E. P. Boersch.

Report of the Industrial Secretary

1942 India Lace Day Offering $82.88

Our report shows a marked decrease in India Lace Day Offering in 1942. We ask "Why?", since we made a sincere effort to increase our offerings last year. Upon investigation, we find that the societies that did contribute gave very generously to this fund but there were a number of societies that sent no India Lace Day Offering in 1942. For this reason our total offering was less than it has been for a number of years.

May each society make an earnest effort to present an appealing program on India Lace Day with the result that a generous offering will be received to promote the work of the Lace Industry.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. A. J. Beil

Report of The Magazine Secretary

A circular letter was sent to each society urging the continued subscription and reading of our Lutheran Woman's Work. The cards that were returned to me were encouraging, for many reported new subscriptions.

The following societies have reported they are on the Honor Roll:

Women's Missionary Society, Cole Camp, Mo.
Women's Missionary Society, Beloit, Kan.
St. Paul's Mission Guild and Women's Society, Valley Falls, Kans.
St. John's Missionary Society, Lancaster, Kan.
Torchbearers, Lawrence, Kan.
St. Mark's Kansas City, Mo.

St. Mark's Waterville, Kan.
Women's Missionary Society, Kansas City, Kan.

The reading of our magazine gives us a broad vision of the work accomplished by our workers in the world today. We are also told of the fields which need more of our help. We must be informed about our church's business if we are to be an active, forceful and influential worker. Let's continue to increase our subscription list and next year make every society an Honor Roll Society.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Kenneth Jackson.

Report of the Life and In Memoriam Secretary

We feel very grateful to be able to offer the following report for the past year. The books closed with a total of 19 Life Memberships $190.00; 5 transfers to In Memoriam $75.00 and 3 Life and In Memoriams $75.00, for a total of $340.00 which is indeed an inspiring record. The contributions received through this Department go directly into the General Fund, thereby aiding our Missionary work in bringing Christ to all nations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Miss Stella E. Ehret.

Report of Patron and Protege Secretary

Matron's Class (through W.M.S.), St. Joseph, Missouri, Native Bible worker in India	$50.00
Mission Daughters, Wichita, Native Bible worker in India	25.00
Dramatic Club (through W.M.S.) St. Joseph, Missouri, teacher in India	50.00
W.M.S., Oklahoma City, Okla. Kothapalli Deenamna, India	50.00
W.M.S., Wichita No. 64W. E. V. Day School, Africa	20.00
Mission Daughters, Wichita, Bethula Amomna, India	25.00
A Friend, Rockport, Missouri. Native Bible worker in India	50.00
W.M.S., Wichita, No. 64W. E. V. Day School, Africa	20.00
	$290.00

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. L. Talbot

Report of the Secretary on Promotion and Student Scholarship

We are happy to have received such a whole hearted response to scholarship fund. The last report, December 31, stated that there

was $82.56 in this student fund. Receipts for literature sold at the last convention were $22.50.

Two articles were written for the Kansas Synod Lutheran and some letters in response to inquires about missionary work. One address was given at the Young Women's Congress in Kansas City on the church work in Panama.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. G. K. Mykland, Secretary.

Report of Thank Offering Secretary

There was a total of $1,426.90 received from our Thank Offering boxes and meetings. Sorry to report that this is a decrease of $58.47 in our funds. Twenty-six societies increased their offerings but seventeen societies decreased theirs and the gains did not overcome the loss. We are happy to have so many increase their daily gifts for Thanks and we can all see that it takes an increase from every group to make a gain in the total offering. Let us all be more faithful with our gifts of Thanks and fill the little boxes. We women in America have so much to be thankful to God for and never before was the need more urgent for our gifts to carry on the work for the Cause of Christ and Peace.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Wayne Easterday

Report of Student Secretary

The annual Student Census, sponsored by the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church and carried out by the Synodical Committee on Work with Students in cooperation with the Women's Missionary Society, was conducted during the month of September 1942. Twenty-four congregations had responded to the census by the end of year, reporting 133 Lutheran Students attending 44 different institutions of higher learning. Of these students, 7 were attending Midland College and 2 were attending Western Theological Seminary.

The names of Lutheran Students were sent to our Lutheran pastors in student centers. Your secretary assisted in promoting a successful regional conference of the Lutheran Student Association of America at Lindsborg, Kansas, October 30 to November 1. The names of Lutheran Students of our synod, attending schools in communities other than their own, were placed on the mailing list of the Kansas Synod Lutheran. An article for the Kansas Synod Lutheran was prepared in the interest of this department.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Alvin D. Havekost.

Report of the Deaconess Secretary

Much fine Deaconess literature may be obtained from the Education Department of the Women's Missionary Society in Philadelphia and from the Baltimore and Philadelphia Motherhouses. Our pastor used this literature the four Sundays in June. Later several intermediate girls enacted a dialogue, presenting the Deaconess work during the Church School hour. One of our girls is very much interested in becoming a deaconess. With literature kept before her and encouragement from pastor and friends, I am sure her desire will become reality.

A letter to each society and an article for the Kansas Synod Lutheran in February were written in the interest of this department.

Your secretary corresponded with Mrs. Edmund Funck of Philadelphia, the Deaconess Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America, receiving much literature, help and inspiration from her.

We are asked to stress that a group of parishes in a district or urban community would profit greatly by securing the service of a properly trained deaconess to direct the ministry of education or welfare of the churches in such a district.

Another field of opportunity for our deaconesses has been opened by the call of the National Lutheran Council. A commission of the Council is calling for at least 100 women to establish and conduct kindergartens, mothers' club, catechetical classes and to serve as parish workers and iternant workers in evangelism and Social Service. Pastors will visit these congested population centers occasionally to baptize, confirm, marry and administer the Sacraments. The Board of Social Missions is planning to use women as evangelists. Women are wanted who can teach the Bible effectively and evangelically, able to teach children, teach parents how to rear children in the faith and adept in teaching methods of evangelism and winning souls.

So you see the harvest is ripe for all kinds of talented young women.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. John Zimmerman.

Report of Mission Study and Lenten Week of Prayer

According to records there has been an increase in our Class B Study Groups on the Foreign Theme, but a decrease on our Home Theme, the Study Groups have declined in attendance to an alarming extent. Why? Is due due to the lack of time or lack of desire to learn worth while things about others both at home and abroad?

It gives your secretary great pleasure to report that thirty-seven persons have completed the Reading Course. This, combined with the increase in Class B. Study Groups on the Foreign Theme, encourages us to carry on and try to better our records each year.

There is a small increase in the number of societies observing Week of Prayer meetings and a gain of fifty-three in attendance. Also twenty-five Socities have used the material of these meetings. Our minds are turning to God in prayer for ourselves as well as for others and we are receiving that Spiritual Food which will carry us through these uncertain days.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. James O. Heiffner.

Report of Extension Secretary

Extension has a deep and challenging meaning and could be spelled "G-o Y-e."

In the past year 872 homes have been visited in the interest of missionary work and 142 Quarterly Visitors have been distributed. Have we all done our part?

During the coming year may we renew our efforts so that our "visitation with a purpose" may become a definite spiritual force.

May our united efforts produce that continuing faith and that increased consecration which alone bears fruit by way of "Extension for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted.

Mrs. M. D. Hoover

TREAURER'S REPORT—JANUARY 1, 1942 TO DECEMBER 31,1942

Women's Missionary Society—Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States of U.L.C.A.

	Bank Fee	General Fund	Synodical Fund	Lilith Schwab	Thank Offering	World Day of Prayer	Self-Denial Lenten	Christmas Offering	India Lace	Patron & Protege	Tabitha Home	In Memoriam	Life Memberships	Midland Scholarships	Associate Members	TOTALS
Abilene, Kansas		36.00	15.00	45.00	69.86		9.70	4.15	5.50				20.00			205.21
Atchison, Kansas		30.00	12.50	36.00	22.35		6.55	6.20					20.00	2.50		144.00
Atchison, Ks., Missionites	.05	14.40	6.00		10.18											30.63
Beloit, Kansas	.05	11.70	3.70	18.50	20.66			1.50								56.11
Bendena, Ks., Circle 1		7.00			6.00						5.00					18.00
Bendena, Ks., Circle 2		30.10	12.50		12.00		3.00		1.20							58.80
Cole Camp, Mo.		7.40	3.10	7.72	14.35		7.00									43.78
Chapman, Kansas		12.00	4.00	10.00	18.34									1.40		45.74
Emporia, Kansas		12.00	6.00	15.00	2.50		1.81							1.00		38.13
Eureka, Kansas		24.00	8.00	30.00	6.65											68.65
Fort Smith, Ark.		4.50	3.00	4.50			3.11									15.11
Glasco, Kansas	.05	9.60	4.25		9.00				2.50							35.40
*Glasco, Ks., "Dau. of St. Paul"		21.00	2.00	15.00												38.00
Greenleaf, Kansas		17.70	8.90	21.00	23.33	2.25								1.00		79.18
Hays, Kansas		18.00		23.00	28.43								10.00	4.10		83.53
Hutchinson, Kansas		17.80	3.90	15.10	6.00									.70		43.50
Kansas City, Kansas	.05	22.80	11.40	14.25	27.09		12.50	8.00	5.00		5.00		10.00		1.00	117.09
K. C., K., "Phildora"		22.80	11.45	28.50	33.42		9.30	5.20					10.00	2.50	4.00	127.22
K. C., Mo. "Chil. Mem."		22.50	11.30	28.20	50.00							15.00		4.00	1.00	142.53
*K. C., Mo. "Ch. Mem. "Lum."		21.60	7.20	27.00	41.00									3.00		99.80
*K. C., Mo. "St. Marks"	.05	38.40	19.25	59.00	86.50		6.00	8.00	6.20		68.00	65.00	20.00	10.00	15.00	416.35
K. C., Mo. "St. Mk" "K. Dau."		15.90	6.90	19.90	23.15									1.00		66.85
Lancaster, Kansas		16.20	5.50	19.50	23.70		4.80						30.00	2.80		130.85
*Lawrence, Kansas		27.60	8.40	25.50	67.00		9.75	5.00	15.75			40.00	20.00	3.00	4.00	226.00
Lawrence, Ks. "Naomj Gr"		13.20		16.49	21.75									3.00		54.44
Moran-Troy, Kansas		14.40	4.80	4.00	9.00											32.20
Okla. City, Okla.		23.10	11.70	27.00	29.76		7.42	5.70	1.45	50.00			10.00	4.00	5.00	175.13
Peabody, Kansas		9.35	2.15	8.45	15.05											35.00
Peabody, Ks., "Martha Soc."	.05	14.10	6.35	19.50	13.75						5.00			1.00		59.75
Rock Port, Mo. "A Friend"										50.00						50.00
Rock Port, Mo. First Luth. Ladies					34.07											34.07
Salina, Ks., Circle 1	.05	37.80	19.20	46.50	62.90			5.65					10.00	5.00	11.00	198.10

Salina, Ks.		10.80	3.60	13.50	26.02											53.92
St. Joseph, Mo.	.08	42.00	14.00	52.50	125.83		13.85		17.10	100.00			10.00	5.00	25.00	455.36
Topeka, Ks		19.50	6.70	24.00	29.53									2.00		81.73
*Tulsa, Okla.		50.67	15.60	44.54	53.47		14.95		10.18					5.91		208.52
V. Falls, Ks.		16.20	3.30		23.30									1.10		53.30
*Wakeeney, Kansas		17.10	4.50		19.50						5.00					46.10
Washington, Kansas	.05	26.00	1.20	10.00	51.43						5.00					94.69
*Waterville, Ks. "St. Mks."	.05	9.00	1.20	5.25	4.80	1.45		.50						.40		22.65
Waterville, Ks. "Hebron"	.05	33.60	11.20		4.00	1.45										50.30
Wellington, Kansas		12.00	3.00	15.00	14.35							15.00				59.35
Wellington, Ks. "Fidelis Club"				10.00	7.30											17.30
Wichita, Kansas	.05	37.20	18.60	46.60	143.13		12.00	14.62	18.00	40.00	59.75	15.00	20.00		23.00	459.70
*Wichita, Ks. "Miss. Daug."	.05	37.20	19.60	61.50	102.73	12.60	.93			50.00	120.00				14.00	418.66
Wilson, Kansas	.05	20.90	13.95		33.72		1.00	3.00						1.10		73.72
Convention Offerings Abilene			48.03													48.03
Mrs. W. F. Juergensen			2.25													2.25
Eastern Conference														17.05		17.05
Total Receipts	.73	905.12	385.58	867.50	1426.90	17.75	123.67	67.52	82.88	290.00	272.75	150.00	190.00	82.56	103.00	5132.39
Bal. Dec. 31, 1941			88.93	71.75												160.68
Grand Total	.73	905.12	474.51	939.25	1426.90	17.75	123.67	67.52	82.88	290.00	272.75	150.00	190.00	82.56	103.00	5283.07
Disbursements	.30	905.12	238.31	939.25	1426.90	17.75	123.67	67.52	82.88	290.00	272.75	150.00	190.00		103.00	4962.35
Bal. Dec. 31, 1942	.43		236.20											82.56		330.72
			.43													
			236.63													

G'asco, St. Paul's—Lutheran World Action 10.00
Kansas City, Mo., St. Mark's W.M.S.—Leper Fund 15.00
Wichita, Ks. St. Paul's W.M.S.—Miss Jensens babies Af. 11.75
Included in Totals

STATISTICAL REPORT

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA—KANSA AND ADJACENT STATES SYNOD—1942

Eastern Conference

Having W.M.S.	Name of Church & Society	MEMBERSHIP: Active—Under 30 Years of Age	Active—Over 30 Years of Age	Total Active Membership	Associate—Under 30 Years of Age	Associate—Over 30 Years of Age	Total Associate Membership	Personnel of Society: How Many Mem. Are Students?	How Many Homemakers?	Business & Prof. Women	EDUCATION DIVISION: Mission Study: No. Study Groups A, B, C, D	No. Study Groups—Foreign	No. Persons in Groups	No. Completing Reading Course	Prayer Week: Observe Week of Prayer	Number of Meetings Held	No. Use Programs by Educat. Div.?	No. Magazine Subscriptions	No. Soc. use Prog. of Educ. Div.	PROMOTION: No. Cong. Deaconess Cause	Extension: No. Different Homes Visited	Quar. Visitor Dist. Since Last Year	DIVISION OF SPEC: Protege Patron: Number of Nationals, etc.	Number of Scholarships	No. Pub. Thank-Offering Services	Box Wo: No. Boxes to Home Missions	No. Boxes to Foreign Missions
1	Atchison, W.M.S.		26	26					26		1BC	1BC	37	2	Yes	5	1	27	1						1			
	Missionites	4	8	12				1	4	7					Yes	1	1	8	1	1							1	
1	Bendena, Cir. 1		24	24					24									15	1							1		
	Circle 2	3	22	25					28	2					Yes	1	1	14										
1	Cole Camp, Mo. W.M.S.		3	3		1	1		4						Yes	6	1	4	1	1	4					1		
1	K. C. Ks. W.M.S.		19	19		1	1		20		2 A	1B	52		Yes	1	1	19	1	1	50					1		
	Philadora	6	13	19		8	8		12	15	1B	1B	60		Yes	1	1	3	1	1	12						1	
1	K. C. Mo. Ch. Me. W.M.S.		18	18		2	2		19	1								14	1	1						1		
	Luminare	9	6	15					4	11	1C		34	13				6	1		10	20					1	1
1	K. C. Mo. St. Mks W.M.S.		32	32		20	20		42	10	1A	2B	21	12	Yes	6	1	33	1	1	56			1			2	
	King's Daughters	5	7	12					6	6					Yes	1	1							1			2	
1	Lancaster, W.M.S.		13	13					13						Yes	5	1	14	1									
1	Lawrence		23	23		6	6		26	3					Yes	3	1	25	1	1	156					1		
	Naomi		6	6					12									7	1								1	
1	Moray, W.M.S.		12	12																								
1	St. Joe., Mo. W.M.S.	2	33	35	2	23	25		56	4	2	1	37		Yes	4	1	34	1	1				2	1		1	1
1	Topeka, W.M.S.		17	17					13	4									1							1		
1	Val. Falls Mission Guild	1	10	11					6	5								15	1							1		
	TOTALS	30	292	322	2	61	63	1	310	68	8	6	241	27	11	34	11	238	15	8	288	20		2	3	10	8	1

Southern Conference

1	Emporia, W.M.S.		12	12		10	10		22		1B	1B			Yes	7	1	16	1		56					1		
1	Eureka, W.M.S.		20	20					19	1		1B			Yes	1		8	1									
1	Ft. Smith, Ark. W.M.S.		10	10					10						Yes	5	1	8	1	1	93			1				
1	Hutchinson, W.M.S.		8	8					8									6	1	1						1	1	
	Zion Daughters		7	7	10				3	4								6	1	1							1	
1	Okla. Cy, Okla. W.M.S.		19	19		3	3		22			1B	11		Yes	5	1	10	1	1				1	1		1	
	Mission Guild																											
1	Peabody, W.M.S.		8	8											Yes	1	1	5	1	1								
	Martha	3	12	15					12	3								1	1									
1	Tulsa, Okla. W.M.S.	7	5	12	4	2	6	12	6									2	1							1		
	Woman's Guild	13	24	37					31	6	10	2BD	26	3	Yes	6	1	12	1	1	7					1		
1	Wellington, W.M.S.		10						10						Yes	12		7			15							
	Fidelis	6	2	8		1	1	1	2	6				1				1									1	
1	Wichita, W.M.S.		31	31		23	23		31		1B	1B	18	7	Yes	6	1	30	1		289	65			1	1	12	1
	Mission Daughters		6	26	32	5	9	14	27	5	1B		30		Yes	1	1		1	1	84	6	1			1	3	
9	TOTAL	42	180	222	9	38	57	4	207	31	4	6	85	10	8	32	8	105	12	7	529	71	3	2	5	18	1	

Western Conference

Having W.M.S.	Name of Church & Society	*MEMBERSHIP						Personnel of Society			EDUCATION DIVISION									PROMOTION		DIVISION OF SPECI				
											Mission Study				Prayer Week						Extension		Protege Patron			Box Wo	
		Active—Under 30 Years of Age	Active—Over 30 Years of Age	Total Active Membership	Associate—Under 30 Years of Age	Associate—Over 30 Years of Age	Total Associate Membership	How Many Mem. Are Students?	How Many Homemakers?	Business & Prof. Women	No. Study Groups A. B. C. D	No. Study Groups Foreign	No. Persons in Groups	No. Completing Reading Course	Observe Week of Prayer	Number of Meetings Held	No. Use Programs by Educat. Div.?	No. Magazine Subscriptions	No. Soc. use Prog. of Educ. Div.	No. Cong. Pres. Deaconess Cause	No. Different Homes Visited	Quar. Visitor Dist. Since Last Year	Number of Nationals, etc.	Number of Scholarships	No. Pub. Thank-Offering Services	No. Boxes to Home Missions	No. Boxes to Foreign Missions
1	Abilene, W.M.S.			30														100	1						1		
1	Beloit, W.M.S.		10	10					10									12	1	1					1		
1	Chapman, W.M.S.		11	11		3	3		11	3					Yes	1	1	10	1						1		
1	Glasco, W.M.S.		12	12		3	3		9	6		1B	15		Yes	1	1	10	1								
	Daught. of St. Paul	12		12										Yes	8			3					1			1	
1	Greenleaf, W.M.S.		13	13					13						Yes	5	1	11	1	1	12	8					
	Wash. St. Pauls		14	14					14									7							1	1	
1	Hays Wo. of Church		15	15					15						Yes	6	1	2		1		24	1		1	1	
1	Salina, W.M.S.		33	33		25	25		58						Yes	12	1	18	1	1	15	20			1		
	Even. W.M.S.		9	9		3	3		2	10																	
1	Wakeeney, W.M.S.	1	13	14					13	1								10	1	1	25		1				
1	Waterville, W.M.S.		6	6		5	5		11						Yes	1		5	1	1							
	Hebron W.M.S.	6	23	29					29						Yes	1		11	1	1	8				1		
1	Wilson, Excelsior	3	13	19					16						Yes	11	1	14	1						1		
10	TOTALS	22	172	194		39	39		20	20		1	15		9	46	6	213	10	7	84	29	2	1	8	3	
12	Eastern Conference	30	292	322	2	61	63	1	310	68	8	6	241	27	11	34	11	238	15	8	288	20	2	3	10	8	1
9	Southern Conf.	42	180	222	9	38	57	4	207	31	4	6	85	10	8	32	8	105	12	7	529	71	3	2	5	18	1
10	Western Conf.	22	172	227		39	39		201	20		1	15		9	46	6	213	10	7	84	29	2	1	8	3	
31	Sum Totals	94	644	771	11	138	159	5	718	119	12	13	341	37	28	112	25	556	37	22	901	120	7	6		23	29

*Life Memberships: Abilene, W.M.S. 2; Atchison, W.M.S. 2; Hayes, Women of the Church 1; K.C., Ks. Philadora 1; K.C., Mo., St. Marks 2; Lancaster, W.M.S. 3; Lawrence, W.M.S. 2; Salina, WMS 1; Okla. City, Okla., W.M.S. 1; St. Joseph, Mo., W.M.S. 1; Wichita 2; Total 19

*In Memoriam Memberships: Kansas City, Mo., Ch. Memorial 1; Kansas City, Mo. St. Mark's 3; Lawrence W.M.S. 2; Wellington 1; Wichita 1; Total 9.

ROLL OF OFFICERS—WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY—1942

	PRESIDENT	ADDRESS	STATISTICAL SEC'Y	ADDRESS

ROLL OF OFFICERS—WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY—1942

SOCIETY	PRESIDENT	ADDRESS	STATISTICAL SEC'Y	ADDRESS
Eastern Conference				
Atchison, Kan W.M.S.	Mrs. W. B. Winzenreid	201 N. 10th	Mrs. Paul Tonsing	315 N. Terrace
Atchison, Kan. Missionites	Miss Helen Wallick	313 Santa Fe	Miss Beulas Blohm	441 S. 7th
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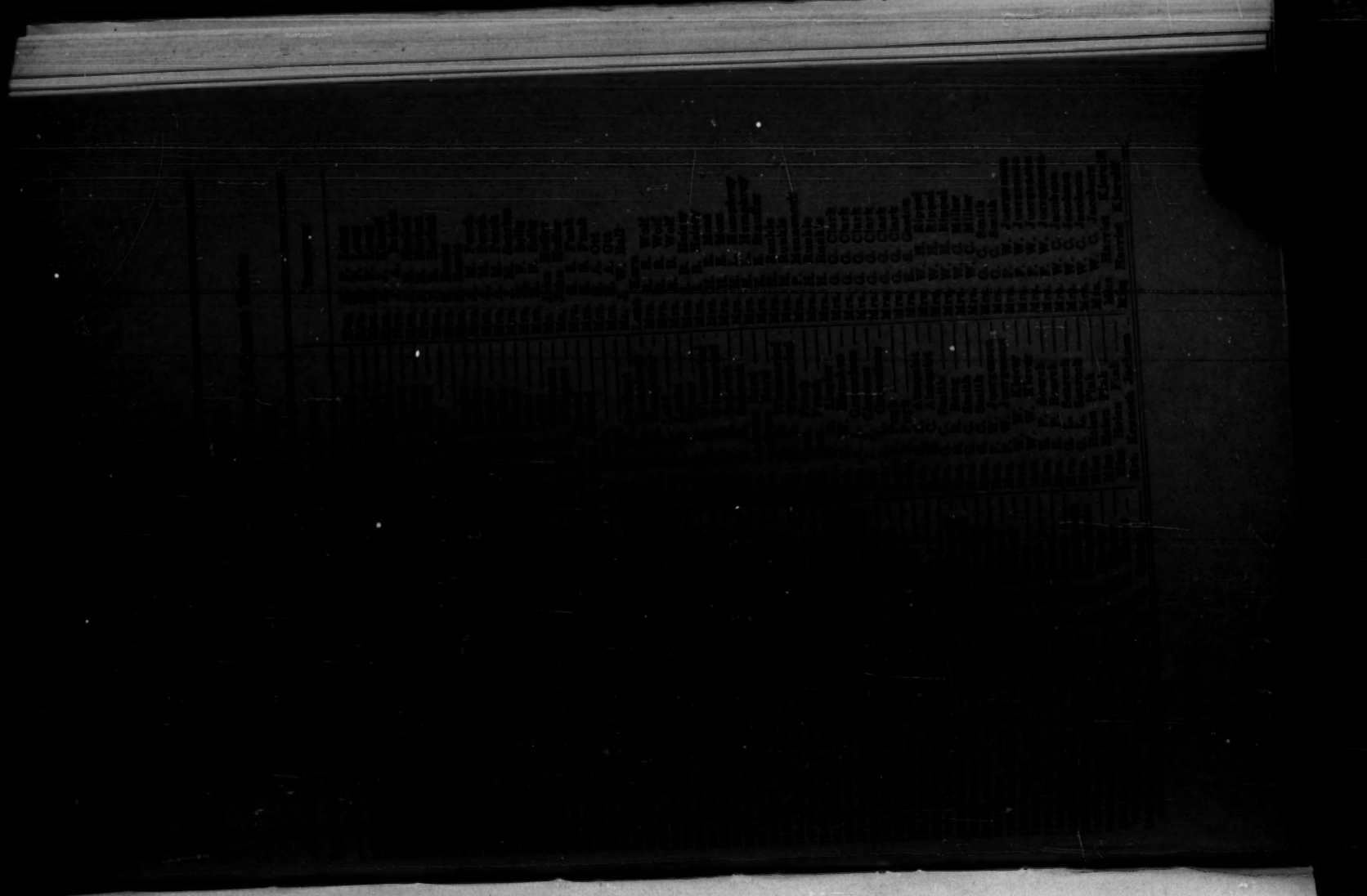

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1939	Kansas City		Miss Helen Fink	Mrs. W. C. Jacobson
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CALLED IN SPECIAL MEETING

IN TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

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OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF KANSAS AND ADJACENT STATES, CALLED FOR SPECIAL MEETING IN TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, LAWRENCE, KANSAS, OCTOBER 28, 1943.

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The President, the Rev. George R. Whittecar, read the written requests for a special meeting of Synod from seven ministers of the Synod: The Reverends E. E. Stauffer, D. D.; C. N. Swihart, D. D.; Eugene R. Harrison; D. L. McConnell; Alfred J. Beil, D. D.; George W. Eller; George L. Search. The President ruled that the number of signatures was one-fifth of the ministsers of the Synod, and declared a special meeting to be in order for the transaction of such business as shall rightfully pertain to the congregation of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The Secretary, the Rev. George L. Search, affirmed that notice of the meeting had been sent to members of the Synod, that The Lutheran had been requested to publish notice of the meeting, and that all other pertinent requirements of Article Two, paragraphs 2 and 4, had been to the best of his knowledge properly fulfilled.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 3:05 P. M., using the Order for the Opening of Synods.

The roll of ministers and laymen was called. Two new members were introduced to the Synod, and were formally received into fellowship: the Reverends H. Vance Baird and Reno R. Frobenius. The Secretary announced that fifteen ministers and seven laymen had answered roll call, and the President ruled that one-third of the ministers of the Synod being in attendance there was a quorum present.

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THE ROLL OF SYNOD

Ministers	Church or Position	Laymen
* H. Vance Baird	St. Mark's, Atchison	* Evan Tonsing
Andreas Bard, D. D., Litt. D.	St. Mark's, Kansas City	
* Alfred J. Beil, D. D.	Trinity, Lawrence	* O. T. Davis
Fuller Bergstresser, D. D.	Trinity, Abilene	
* Paul Close	St. Paul's, Valley Falls	
K. deFreese, D. D.	St. Paul's, Peabody	
O. W. Ebright, D. D.	Sup't Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Nebr.	
* George W. Eller	Zion, Beloit	* Ed Wrench
Lt. Col. J. O. Ensrud	Chaplain	
* Reno R. Frobenius	First, St. Joseph	
Robert E. Gaston	Christ, Eureka	

Ministers	Church or Position	Laymen
E. H. Gilmer	Peace, New Cambria	
1st. Lt. Max Gilmer	Chaplain	
A. L. Groseclose	Retired; Pasadena, Calif.	
* Eugene R. Harrison	Zion, Hutchinson	
* Alvin D. Havekost	Trinity, Hays	* Carl Holmquist
Samuel W. Jensen	Trinity, Sedalia	
Captain W. W. Klover	Chaplain	
+ B. R. Lantz, D. D.	St. John's, Salina	
* D. L. McConnell	First, St. Peter's, Rockport	
* J. A. McCulloch, D. D.	Children's Memorial, Kansas City	
1st. Lt. Walter H. Moeller	Chaplain	
G. K. Mykland	Shearer Memorial, Chapman	
Ist. Lt. O. K. Oelke	Chaplain	
* Herbert H. Pett	St. John's, Lancaster	* Fred Kloepper
* Ralph E. Rangeler	First, Topeka	* Clyde Tresner
+ G. C. Schaub, Ph. D.	Bethlehem, Wakeeney	(supply)
* George L. Search	St. Mark's, Waterville	
* E. E. Stauffer, D. D.	St. Paul's, Wichita	
* C. N. Swihart, D. D.	First, Oklahoma City (supply)	* Fred Trepp
1st. Lt. Ernest F. Tonsing	Chaplain	
C. F. Weist, D. D.	Retired, Hays	
* George R. Whittecar	First, Tulsa	
1st. Lt. Norbert Zabel	Chaplain	

* means present at roll call
+ means submitted excuse for absence

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It was moved and carried that the Rev. C. Franklin Koch, D. D, Executive Secretary of the Board of Social Missions, be made an advisory member of the Synod.

The President's Report was submitted and received.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Brethren in Christ Jesus:

It being expedient by reason of recent developments in the matter at hand and opportune by reason of our coming together as a Synod at this time, I present to you this report on the distressing matter involving our Oklahoma City congregation.

1. A brief review of the progress of this matter will be in order. On Ash Wednesday, 1942, at a special congregational meeting, members of the Oklahoma City Church, acting under leadership of Fred H. Bloch, pastor, openly revolted against the authority, constitution and counsel of the Kansas Synod, of which the congre-

gation had been a member for approximately forty years, and adopted a resolution declaring the congregation to be a member of the Midwest Synod.

2. On February 26, 1942, the Executive Committee of the Kansas Synod adopted resolutions (1) declining to recognize such action as being valid or to give consent thereto, and (2) recognizing a state of revolt against the constitution, authority, and resolutions of the Synod to exist within the congregation and declaring those members remaining loyal to the Kansas Synod to constitute the lawful congregation. This action was ratified by the Synod April 16, 1942.

3. On March 1, 1942, the President of the Midwest Synod received the congregation and pastor of the Oklahoma City church into that Synod without either of them being properly dismissed by this Synod. This action was ratified by the Midwest Synod May 7, 1943.

4. On March 6, 1942, the Kansas Synod instituted action in the United States District Court for Western Oklahoma, asking for an order restraining Fred H. Bloch, E. C. Doerr and others, as pastor and councilmen of the faction in the congregation that revolted from the Kansas Synod, from exercising control over the property and services of the church. On November 27, 1942, this order was granted as requested.

5. Meanwhile the Midwest Synod appealed to the U. L. C. A. Commission on Adjudication to determine the synodical membership of the congregation. The Commission's decision, June 25, 1942, was quite indefinite, and failed to answer the question at hand; rather, it held that determination by civil law would be necessary.

6. Furthermore, by due process as provided by the synodical Constitution, the Kansas Synod took disciplinary action against Fred H. Bloch on charges of "insubordination and wilful violation of the synodical Constitution," and of "conduct incompatible with the character of the ministerial office," and finding him guilty, declared him to be suspended from the office of the ministry. Neither Mr. Bloch nor the Midwest Synod have recognized this to be a valid action on the part of this Synod, holding that Mr. Bloch was outside our jurisdiction when such disciplinary action was taken.

7. The defendants appealed from the ruling of the District Court to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Tenth District, which court, on May 12, 1943, reversed the decision and ordered the case dismissed on grounds that the Kansas Synod had no beneficial interest in the Oklahoma City church and, therefore, the federal court had no jurisdiction in the case. This left the matter where it was in the beginning, without there being a clear-cut

decision from either the Commission of Adjudication or the Courts on the question of synodical membership. Our request for a rehearing by the Appeal Court was denied, as was also our petition to the United States Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari and a review of the case. Such refusal of action by the Supreme Court was made October 11, 1943.

8. The day after word was received that the Supreme Court had denied us the writ of certiorari, I received a letter from the President of the church council of the Oklahoma City church, Midwest Synod faction, in which he said: "We have taken complete possession of the church and premises, to your entire exclusion, and have placed our own locks on the doors."

9. While the question was pending in the courts, the two groups shared the use of the church building on alternate weeks, by order of the trial court. Mr. Bloch has continued to occupy the parsonage and to conduct services. On Sundays when not permitted to use the church, he and his followers held services at a club room. Dr. C. N. Swihart, pastor-emeritus of the congregation, who resides in Oklahoma City, has conducted services for our people at the church on alternate weeks by appointment of the President of Synod. As far as I have been able to determine, attendance at services of the two groups has been about even. Our recognized congregation consists of approximately 140 confirmed members. The Sunday School has been entirely under the control of the Midwest Synod faction.

It is to be noted that the Kansas Synod congregation has been contributing regularly to the funds of the Synod for apportioned benevolences and Lutheran World Action, and in addition has furnished certain funds to meet expenses of the litigation. Laymen of the church have maintained effective leadership in the life of the congregation. One half the monthly bills for operation of the church have been paid by each faction, and our group has provided an honorarium for the supply pastor for each service.

On October 12, 1943, I met with the church council of our congregation at Oklahoma City to survey the situation. At that time action was taken by the council to institute a new suit in the state courts, asking for control of the property and services of the congregation, in the name of the members of the church council of our recognized group intsead of in the name of the Synod. It is believed by legal counsel that this is a possible way toward a settlement of the matter, although it will necessarily prolong the strife in the congregation. It is recognized by the council that full expense for this suit must be borne by the local group.

A further statement is in order relative to our appeal to the Commission of Adjudication on the status of Mr. Bloch, who is

under our discipline and sentence of suspension from the office of the ministry. The Commission considered our questions on June 23, 1943. I have no official word as to the outcome except that action on the last two questions relating directly to Mr. Bloch was deferred so as to give the Midwest Synod opportunity to make reply and to give the commissioners time for full consideration. On the first two questions, involving principles of inter-synodical relationships, I have the informal word that the decision of the Commission is definitely in favor of our position. Final action on the appeal is scheduled for November 10, 1943.

As I see the situation now, there are three things that we as a Synod might do:

(1) Consider the congregation in Oklahoma City, from all practical consideration, to be a member of the Midwest Synod, even though its transfer is entirely irregular and contrary to established principles of church polity in the U. L. C. A; withdraw our recognition of those who have been acting as the congregation under our authority, and remove the name of Oklahoma City from our membership. This would be the way of submitting to injustice for the sake of peace. This would, obviously, be a severe let-down to the congregation which we have recognized and which in itself is much larger than a number of the congregations in the Synod, and, if it were a mission, would be regarded as a substantial church. Such action would practically close the doors to us to further work in the second largest city in our synodical territory which is crowded with war workers and military personnel drawn from the four corners of the country. I do not recommend this action.

(2) Recognize the First Lutheran Church of Oklahoma City, with its corporate title and property, to be affiliated with the Midwest Synod, and seek to reorganize our recognized congregation under a new name and with a new corporate identity, starting over as a mission church. Even though Oklahoma City is doubless large enough for two U. L. C. A. congregations, I do not recommend this action, for the reasons that: (a) the leadership in our recognized group appears to be opposed to such a move, and (b) support of such a mission project beyond what the congregation could supply would devolve almost entirely upon the Synod with little or no possibility of assistance from the Board of American Missions. This would probably be too large a project for the Synod to undertake successfully at this time.

(3) Continue to recognize our Kansas Synod congregation and give every possible encouragement to its members, providing a supply pastor until the confusion is cleared, and making every effort to secure from the proper authorities of the Church and State such rulings as will clarify the matter.

This is my recommendation:

In the event that the Synod should approve of this third proposition, I recommend the following as a step toward implementing such action:

That the Synod adopt a resolution appealing to the Commission of Adjudication of the U. L. C. A. again to take this matter under consideration and render a clear decision. The Commission will meet at Pittsburg, Pa., November 10, 1943, and such a resolution could be placed before it at that time, although a decision would probably not be made for several months. Action by the Synod in adopting a Resolution of Appeal is necessary.

May we all be endowed with the grace of wisdom from the Holy Spirit as we face this and all other problems that confront us in our ministry and our Church life.

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with your all."

Faithfully yours,
GEORGE R. WHITTECAR, President.

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It was moved and carried that: Whereas, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States by action of the Executive Committee on February 26, 1942, at Emporia, Kansas, recognized the membership of the First Lutheran Church at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as those parishioners "who were and are opposed to such withdrawal or secession, and all other parishioners who seek to join them, and those hereafter becoming members of such congregation by whatsoever ecclesiastical method now exists" (see 1942 Minutes, page 20); which action was ratified by the Synod in convention assembled on April 16, 1942 (1942 Minutes, page 69) in Hutchinson, Kansas; therefore be it resolved that we continue to recognize the said congregation of First Lutheran Church of Oklahoma City, and continue to give every possible encouragement to its members, assisting them to secure a supply pastor until the confusion is cleared, and making every effort to secure from the proper authorities of the Church and State such rulings as will clarify the matter.

It was moved and carried by unanimous vote that the Synod appeal to the Commission of Adjudication of the U. L. C. A. to take under consideration this matter of the congregation at Oklahoma City, and to render a decision on the following questions:

RESOLUTION OF APPEAL

To the Commission of Adjudication of the United Lutheran Church in America

WHEREAS:

1. The Commission of Adjudication of the United Lutheran Church in America, on June 25, 1942, considered a petition from the Midwest Synod in regard to the status of the First Lutheran Church of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in which the following questions were asked:

(1) "In order that the congregation of the First Lutheran church of Oklahoma City might withdraw from the Kansas Synod and join the Midwest Synod, both of which are orthodox synods, was it necessary that the congregation obtain the consent of the Kansas Synod?"

(2) "Did the Constitution of the above Oklahoma City church require that the purpose of the congregational meeting of February 18, 1942, be stated in the notices of the meeting as a prerequisite to the validity of the resolution to withdraw from the one Synod and join the other?"

(3) "Is the First English Lutheran Church of Oklahoma City now a congregation within the Midwest Synod?"

2. In rendering its decision the Commission found "that a catagorical answer to the first question would involve the determination by it of civil law as well as ecclesiastical law and church polity," and the Commission "therefore confined itself to the pronouncement of certain principles of Lutheran Church polity in the United Lutheran Church in America."

3. In further rendering its decision, relative to the third question, the Commission again did not make a definite answer, but declared "the principles set forth in answer to Question 1 here apply, together with the further principle that no congregation can hold memberhip in more than one Synod at any given time."

4. The United States District Court for Western Oklahoma, in an action brought by the Kansas Synod to have Fred H. Bloch, E. C. Doerr, and others, as pastor and members of the church council of the faction of the Church that voted to unite with the Midwest Synod, restrained from exercising control over the services and property of the congregation at Oklahoma City, ruled on November 27, 1942, in favor of the Kansas Synod.

5. The United States Circuit Court of Appeals, 10th District, on May 12, 1943, reversed this decision of the District Court, on the ground that the Federal Courts had no jurisdiction in this case, without deciding one way or another the question of synodical membership of the congregation.

6. The United States Supreme Court, on October 11, 1943, refused a request for a writ of certiorari and a review of the case.

7. The question of the synodical membership of the Oklahoma City church remains unsettled since the Commission of Adjudication did not make a definite answer when the matter was first referred to it, and in the civil courts, to which the Commission of Adjudication referred the ultimate decision, the question has been pursued to a court of last resort without the actual issue at question being decided. There remain two groups of members, each claiming to be the First Lutheran Church of Oklahoma City, one recognized as such by the Kansas Synod and the other by the Midwest Synod, with the result that the work of the Church is disrupted and confusion exists.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, in special session at Lawrence, Kansas, October 28, 1943, respectfully requests the Commission of Adjudication to decide the following questions:

(1) Should a congregation of a Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America, which cannot present a certificate of dismissal and transfer, be received into the membership of a constituent Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America?

(2) Is that part of the congregation recognized by the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States the rightful congregation of First Lutheran Church of Oklahoma City?

(3) Is the First Lutheran Church of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a congregation of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States?

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The President read to the Synod a letter from E. W. H. Falter, President of the council of the First Lutheran Church (Kansas Synod), of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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It was moved and carried that the Secretary and President be authorized to approve, print and distribute the Minutes of this meeting.

There being no other business pertinent to the call of this special meeting of Synod, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 5:45 P. M., and the meeting was closed with the Order for Closing of Synods.

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(ATTEST) The foregoing is a true record of the proceedings of this specially called meeting of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States on the 28th day of October, 1943, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE L. SEARCH, Secretary

GEORGE R. WHITTECAR, President

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ARTICLE ONE

THE SYNOD

Section 1, The Name

The name and title of the body organized under this Constitution shall be The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States.

Section 2, The Doctrinal Basis

1. This Synod receives and holds the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God and as the only infallible rule of faith and practice according to which all doctrine and teachings are to be judged.

2. This Synod accepts the three ecumenical creeds namely the Apostles, the Nicene and the Athanasian, as the important testimonies drawn from the Holy Scriptures and rejects all errors which they condemn.

3. This Synod receives and holds the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the faith and doctrines of the Evangelical Lutheran Church founded upon the Word of God; and acknowledges all Churches that sincerely hold and faithfully confess the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession to be entitled to the name of Evangelical Lutheran.

4. This Synod recognizes the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalkald Articles, the large and small Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord as in harmony of one and the same pure Scriptural faith.

Section 3, The Membership

1. This Synod shall consist of ministers and congregations in unity with the Doctrinal Basis in Section 2 received into membership as hereinafter provided.

2. Any Evangelical Lutheran minister applying for admission into this Synod and accepting this Constitution with its Doctrinal Basis and who holds a letter of honorable dismissal from the President of the Synod from which he comes may upon recommendation of the Examining Committee be received into membership.

3. Any congregation located within or contiguous to the natural bounds of the territory of this Synod may upon the approval of the Executive Committee of Synod be received into membership by a majority vote at any regular convention.

4. Every congregation shall be faithful to its obligations to this Synod in all matters of support, practice, and Church government.

5. Other members shall be such as are received by ordination, transfer, or as hereinafter provided.

Section 4, Objects, Duties, and Powers

In accordance with the Doctrinal Basis set forth in Section 2 of this article and in full accord with the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America, this Body recognizes that all power in the Church belongs primarily and exclusively to our Lord Jesus Christ the Head of the Church; and all just duties and powers exercised by the Church are committed to her for the furtherance of the Gospel through the Word and Sacraments. Therefore this body is organized:

1. To preserve and extend the pure teaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the Sacraments (Eph. 4:5-6, Augsburg Confession Art. 7.)

2. To conserve the unity of the true faith (Eph. 4:3-16, I Cor. 1:10), to guard against any departure therefrom (Rom. 16:17), and to strengthen the congregation in faith, in confession, and the promotion of the Kingdom of God.

3. To give outward expression to the spiritual unity of Evangelical Lutheran congregations, to cultivate cooperation among all Lutherans in the promotion of the general interests of the Church, and to develop and unfold the specific Lutheran principle and practice and make their strength effective.

4. To awaken, coordinate, and effectively direct and supervise the united energies of the congregation in such operations as the following:

a. The training of ministers and teachers to be witnesses of the Word; and the upbuilding, maintenance and strengthening of institutions for the promotion of such training.

b. The extension of the Kingdom of God by the support of Home, Foreign, and Inner Missions under the administration and functions of the United Lutheran Church in America.

c. The creation and development of agencies to carry on all departments of work in cooperation with the boards, committees, and agencies of the United Lutheran Church in America.

5. The cultivation of worship in the congregation and family, that the same, in character and administration may be in keeping with the New Testament and the liberty of the Church, as well as the practice of the United Lutheran Church in America, unto the edification of the body of Christ.

6. To solicit and disburse funds and to devise ways and means necessary for the purpose of the work defined in this constitution.

7. To ordain fitted men for the Holy Office of the ministry of the Gospel; and to suspend and depose those who dishonor it by false teaching, by insubordination, or an unworthy or wicked life.

8. To maintain discipline unto the fostering of holiness and fidelity in the ministry and people.

9. To maintain a true connection and relation with the United Lutheran Church in America and all its interests and obligations.

Section 5, Functions and Powers

The exercise of the functions and powers of this Synod shall be distributed into two departments, the Synod and the Conferences.

ARTICLE TWO

MEETINGS

1. A regular meeting of the Synod shall be held annually at the time specified in the By-laws.

2. Special meetings shall be called by the President upon the request of the Executive Committee, or the written requests of one-fifth of the ministers, but no business shall be transacted at a special meeting except that specified in the call.

3. One-third of the ministers of Synod, with the lay delegates present, shall constitute a quorum.

4. Notice of the time and place of all meetings shall be given by the Secretary by publication in the official organ of the United Lutheran Church in America at least four weeks in advance for regular meetings, and two weeks for special meetings, and by mail to all ministers and congregations of Synod.

ARTICLE THREE

Section 1, The Officers

1. The officers of the Synod shall be a President, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Statistical Secretary, and a Historian, who shall be elected at the regular meeting of the Synod. Ministers only shall be eligible to the offices of President and Recording Secretary. For administrative purposes the Synod may from time to time elect and designate other officers additional to those named in this paragraph.

2. The term of office of the President shall be for two years eligible to re-election for one term of two years. That of other officers shall be for one year or until their successors have been elected. They shall be eligible to re-election.

3. Should a vacancy occur in any of these offices, the Executive Committee shall be authorized to fill the same until the next regular meeting of the Synod.

4. The officers shall be entitled to receive the necessary expenses incident to the duties imposed by this office and such other remuneration as the Synod may determine.

Section 2, The President

1. The term of office of the President shall begin with the adjournment of the Synodical convention at which he was elected.

2. He shall have oversight of all ministers and congregations con-

nected with the Synod and over all agencies created by the Synod for the prosecution of the general work of the Church, and as necessity arises he is directed to visit the congregations belonging to the Synod and confer and advise with pastors and people concerning their spiritual and temporal welfare.

3. He shall preside at all meetings of the Synod and it shall be his duty to see that the Constitution, By-Laws, and decisions of the Synod are duly obeyed and its resolutions carried into effect.

4. He shall ordain all accepted candidates for the ministerial office and install the pastors of all congregations belonging to the Synod, or provide for and authorize their ordination and installation as the Synod may prescribe in its By-Laws.

5. When the execution of deeds or other instruments of writing is ordered by the Synod, or required by the Constitution, or becomes proper and necessary in carrying out the business of the corporation, the President and Secretary are authorized and empowered in the name of the Synod to sign the name and affix the corporate seal of the Synod.

6. He shall annually submit to the Synod a report of all his official acts together with such other information and recommendations as he may deem of importance.

Section 3, The Secretaries

1. There shall be a recording Secretary of the Synod as a corporation who shall keep all official minutes of the Synod. He and any other Secretaries which the Synod may elect shall begin their duties with the adjournment of the Synodical convention at which he or they were elected.

2. The Secretary or Secretaries shall prepare and keep a correct register of the ministers belonging to Synod with the dates of their entrance into the ministry and places of residence; also, a similar register of the congregations or pastorates connected with the Synod, of the names of the pastors serving them and of the lay delegates appointed to represent them. Accurate and faithful records of all the proceedings of the Synod shall be kept by the Secretary or Secretaries and such other duties as the Synod may from time to time direct.

3. The Secretary of the corporation is authorized and empowered in the name of the Synod to attest all instruments of writing ordered by the Synod, or required by the Constitution, or necessary in carrying on the business of the corporation, when signed and sealed by the President.

Section 4, The Treasurer

1. The term of office of the Treasurer shall be for one year and shall begin with the adjournment of the convention where he was elected. He shall be eligible to reelection.

2. The Treasurer shall have charges of all the moneys and accounts of the Synod, its deeds, mortgages, contracts, and evidences of claims and revenue, and of its trust funds except as Synod may specially commit to other agents, holding same at all times subject to the order of Synod.

3. He shall receive and acknowledge all contributions, donations, legacies, and bequests made to Synod, collect all interests and income from invested funds, and pay all appropriations and orders of the Synod on the several accounts as approved and directed by the Executive Committee.

4. He shall keep a regular account with each congregation of the Synod, and shall from time to time during the Synodical year inform the Council of each congregation of the state of their account, and prepare and submit at each regular convention of the Synod a tabular statement of such accounts for record and publication.

5. By and with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee he shall make, change, or renew investments of funds owned or held in trust by the Synod; and he is duly empowered, constituted, and authorized as the attorney in fact for the Synod to satisfy of record and mortgages, judgments, notes, or recorded evidences of indebtedness, upon the payment and receipt in full of the amounts so secured by the same, and to sign and transfer any policies of insurance or other securities that may be held as collateral to such mortgages, loans or judgments.

6. He shall deposit regularly all moneys received for any account of the Synod and make all investments, in the name of and for use of the Synod.

7. On entering upon his office he shall give satisfactory bond to the Synod for the faithful performance of his duties in such amunt at the Executive Committee shall determine, which bond shall be in the custody of the President, and the cost of which shall be paid by the Synod.

8. At each annual convention he shall render a full, detailed, and accurate report to the Synod of all receipts and disbursements of his several accounts, with a statement of the financial condition of the Synod and its apportioned obligations to the United Lutheran Church in America, which report shall be regularly audited and certified before presentation.

Section 5, The Statistician

1. The term of office of the Statistician shall begin with the adjournment of the convention where he was elected.

2. He shall send out, receive and tabulate the Parochial reports, prepare the Apportionment table, and collect and tabulate such other statistics as the Synod may direct.

3. Parochial report blanks are to be sent to the pastors of the congregations at least four weeks before the time they must be returned to the Statistical Secretary.

Section 6, The Historian

1. It shall be the duty of the Historian to keep the file of the minutes of Synod and all official publications. He shall keep a record of the death of clerical members of the Synod and an obituary pertaining to each. He shall also make a collection of such clipp'ngs and programs

of incidents in connection with the various congregations as he may be able to obtain, and any other material which in his judgment may serve for future reference.

ARTICLE FOUR
THE CONFERENCES

1. District Conferences shall be constituted, composed of ministers and congregations of the Synod located within a given territory as from time to time may be determined by the Synod.

2. It shall be the duty of each Conference to care for the interests and development of the Church upon its territory; to assist in carrying out the regulations and resolutions of the Synod; and to attend to such other matters within its territory as may be assigned to it by the Synod or the Executive Committee.

3. Every pastor and congregation belonging to the Synod and residing within the bounds of a conference shall by that fact belong to that conference. Ordained ministers of the Synod not actively serving a pastorate shall belong to the conference on whose territory they reside. If any portion of a pastorate is not within the boundary lines of the same conference district, the place in which the pastor resides shall determine his own and the conference connection of the pastorate.

4. Each Conference shall meet at least once annually and as many more times as circumstances may require. Special meetings may be called by the President of the conference or as may be otherwise determined by the conference itself. One-third of the ministers belonging to the conference together with the lay delegates present shall constitute a quorum.

5. Each Conference shall annually elect a minister to serve as President and such other officers as may be necessary for the transaction of its business.

6. The Conference may adopt for itself any rules and regulations not in conflict with the Constitution and By-laws of the Synod or of the regulations and resolutions of the United Lutheran Church in America.

7. The action of the Conference shall at all times be subject to review by the Synod.

8. The President of each conference shall make a written report including an abstract of the proceedings of the conference, stating also, the conditions and needs of the Church within its bounds, and shall transmit the same to the President at least three weeks before the annual meeting of the Synod.

9. The President of Synod shall have a voice and vote in the meetings of the conferences.

ARTICLE FIVE
COMMITTEES

Section I, Executive Committee

1. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Synod consisting of the President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer of the Synod, and the

Presidents of the Conferences together with one layman from each conference. This committee shall be elected annually by the Synod by ballot.

2. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to represent the Synod and to carry out its resolutions; to attend to the business of the Synod during the interim; to supervise and provide effective agencies for the laying and collection of apportionments; to promote the interests of the United Lutheran Church in America; to receive the reports of the work and needs of the several boards and committees, and present an estimated budget of administrative expenses with apportionments to the annual convention; to fill vacancies not otherwise provided for; and perform such other work as may be delegated to it by Synod to which it shall make full report for its acts.

3. It shall cause an annual examination to be made of all investments and securities held by the Synod and report thereon.

4. It shall hold regular meetings during the interim as Synod may determine. Special meetings may be called by the President of Synod or, in case of his death or removal, by the Executive Secretary of the Synod. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2, Home Missions Committee

1. The Home Mission Committee of the Synod shall consist of the President of Synod, three ministers of the Synod and two laymen of the Synod. The pastor of a congregation indebted to or being aided by the Synodical Committee of Home Missions or the Board of American Missions shall not be a member of this committee, unless he be the President of Synod; neither shall a layman from such a congregation be a member of this committee. Clerical members of this committee shall be elected by the Synod for a period of three years and the terms of their service shall be so arranged that one retires each year.

Laymen of this committee shall be elected by the Synod for a term of two years, and the terms of their service shall be so arranged that one retires each year.

2. The Committee shall elect from its membership the officers necessary in the performance of its duties; and shall hold regular meetings as may be necessary, but at least quarterly; receive reports of all Home Mission Congregations and consider all applications for their aid, and the needs of all missions and new fields on the Synodical territory, and report annually to the Synod.

3. It shall supervise and have charge of the missions on the territory of the Synod in harmony with the rules of the Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America. It shall confer with the Secretary of said Board and with him make a budget for the necessary funds to be expended on the Synodical territory for the year which budget shall be submitted for approval to said General Board. The budget decided upon by the Secretary and this committee shall represent a maximum amount for the year.

4. It may recommend a minister for the office of Missionary Superintendent to be elected by the Synod, or during the interim of the

meetings of Synod he may be appointed by the Executive Committee, or, if Synod decide, unite with a neighboring Synod or Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America in the election of a District Missionary Superintendent, and shall arrange for an apportionment to cover the salary and expenses of such Synodical District Superintendent.

Section 3, Inner Mission Committee

1. There shall be a Committee on Inner Missions to consist of the President of Synod, and three ministers and two laymen elected by the Synod.

2. This committee may elect a president and secretary and shall meet at least as often as quarterly.

3. It shall be charged with the duty of making an annual survey of the Lutheran Inner Mission interests on the territory of the Synod.

4. It shall cultivate the ideals of the Inner Mission in the hearts of the congregations of the Synod and keep the Synod fully informed on the progress of the cause in regular annual reports.

Section 4, Ministerial Education Committee

1. This Committee shall consist of two ministers and one layman to be appointed by the President.

2. It shall be the duty of this committee to devise ways and means to encourage young men to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel; to distribute such funds as the Synod may appropriate or as may be appropriated by the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church in America for the assistance of students for the ministry, and supervise their work under such rules as the Synod shall approve, and to present to the Synod all such information and recommendations regarding the work of Ministerial Education as may require consideration or action.

3. It shall also be the duty of this committee to encourage and aid men and women to prepare for missionary and life-service work with such appropriations as the Synod may authorize.

Section 5, Examining Committee

1. This committee shall consist of not less than six ordained ministers of Synod who shall be appointed by the President of Synod for a term of three years in such manner that the term of at least two members shall expire each year.

2. It shall be the duty of this committee to examine into the qualifications of all applicants for ordination and admission into Synod as provided in Article Six, Section I.

3. This committee shall report to the Synod recommending such applicants as shall satisfy the provisions of Article Six, Section I, but a two-thirds vote of the members of the committee present shall be necessary for recommendation.

ARTICLE SIX

THE RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

Section I, Ministers

1. All applications for ordination shall be made to the President

and referred by him to the Examining Committee which shall report on the same to the Synod and upon the recommendation of a two-thirds vote of the Synod may become members of this Synod.

2. Every minister received into the Synod and every candidate who is ordained shall subscribe to this Constitution prior to admission into membership.

A. Application for Ordination

1. The examination of candidates for ordination shall be open to all members of Synod. It shall test the general fitness of each applicant for the office of the Ministry, his reasons for seeking the office, his theological attainments, his acceptance of the standards prescribed in Article One, Section II, and his loyal appreciation of the organization and work of the Synod and of the United Lutheran Church in America.

2. Applicants for ordination shall present to the Examining Committe a satisfactory written testimonial of Christian life and character from his home pastor, and the seminary faculty and also of the course pursued in theological study.

3. Every candidate to be ordained by the Synod shall be at least twenty-one years of age, and shall exhibit satisfactory evidence to the Examining Committee that he has received a regular call from a congregation, a Synod or a Church Board, to a specific field of ministerial labor, and that he has accepted such call upon the condition of his approval by the Synod.

4. A candidate who has not received and accepted a call may present himself for examination, and if approved by the Examining Committee, he may be favorably recommended to the Synod for ordination, which shall take place when he shall have submitted satisfactory evidence to the President that he has received and accepted a regular call, and shall have given assurance of his acceptance of the provisions of this Constitution, especially Article One, Section II.

B. Of Ordained Ministers

1. Any regularly ordained minister of a constitutent Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America, applying for admission into this Synod, who shall furnish evidence of his ordination and Christian character, together with a letter of honorable dismissal issued by the President of the Synod from which he comes, shall be enrolled as a member of the Synod.

2. Any regularly ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church belonging to a Synod not constituent of the United Lutheran Church in America, who may apply for admission into the Synod shall furnish satisfactory evidence of his ordination and of his Christian character together with a letter of honorable dismissal, or testimonial of good standing issued by the body from which he comes; he shall also be subject to a colloquium with the Examining Committee as to his acceptance of the standard prescribed in Article One, Section II, and of his loyal appreciation of the organization and work of the Synod and of the United Lutheran Church in America; and, on a favorable report of the Examining Committee to the Synod, he shall upon a two-thirds vote of the Synod be received as a member.

3. A minister coming from an ecclesiastical body other than Lutheran shall, with his application for membership, present satisfactory evidence of his ordination and Christian character, as well as his good standing in the body with which he was formerly connected. His application and testimonials shall be referred to the Examining Committee, who, in colloquium with the applicant, shall ascertain his knowledge and acceptance of the Lutheran doctrine and practice, especially the doctrinal basis and usages of this Synod and of the United Lutheran Church in America. If such examination warrant, the Examining Committee shall, in each instance recommend to the Synod the action to be taken; and if, on favorable report of the Committee, a two-thirds vote of the Synod shall approve, he shall be received as a member of this Synod.

Section 2, Reception of Congregation

1. A congregation desiring admission into the Synod shall place into the hands of the President a formal application signed by the Secretary of the Church Council and by the pastor, and shall send a representative to the meeting of the Synod; it shall submit a copy of its constitution, and of its charter, if incorporated. If these are in accord with the requirements of the Constitution of the Synod, the congregation may be received into membership by a majority vote of the Synod at any regular meeting. Contemplated changes of its Constitution affecting its articles of faith, adherence to the Synod and the United Lutheran Church in America, and disposition of its property, shall be reported to the President for his approval.

ARTICLE SEVEN

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES

Section 1, Ministers

1. Ministerial members of the Synod are those who have become such by ordination, or by reception from another Synod in accordance with Article Seven of this Constitution. Their membership shall cease only by death, by regular transfer and reception into another Synod, by process under Article Nine, or on recommendation of the Executive Committee.

2. In addition to pastors of congregations the Synod may include and continue upon its ministerial roll those who, though without active pastoral service, hold educational, executive, missionary or editorial offices to which they have been appointed by the Synod, or by the United Lutheran Church in America or any of its regularly constituted Boards which are recognized as competent to make such appointments.

3. Every minister shall conform his preaching and teaching to the doctrinal basis set forth in Article One, Section II.

4. Every pastor shall preach the Word, administer the Sacraments, conform the manner of conducting public worship to the accepted practice of the United Lutheran Church in America, using such books of worship and instruction as have been accepted and approved by the United Lutheran Church in America; he shall care for the people of his pastorate as individuals and as congregations in common faith and

harmonious interests with all other members and congregations of the United Lutheran Church in America; give catechetical instruction regularly; confirm; perform the marriage ceremony in accordance with the laws of God and the State; visit and minister to the sick and infirm; bury the dead; install regularly elected members of the Church Council, and, with the Council, administer discipline; supervise all schools and auxiliary organizations of the congregation, and promote the upbuilding of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in the community, in the homeland and abroad. He shall seek out and encourage young men and women having proper natural gifts and qualifications to prepare for full-time Christian service; co-operate with the agencies and officers of Conference and Synod in every way to educate the people, to increase their liberality for the cause of benevolence recommended by the Synod or supported by the United Lutheran Church in America; and shall use his best endeavor to stimulate piety in the individual and family life of the people, as well as a knowledge of the Church and her work by the circulation of the literature of the Church.

5. The pastor shall keep accurate parochial records of baptisms, confirmations, members received by transfer or profession of faith, members dismissed, deceased or excommunicated, together with a roster of all communicant members of his pastorate, keeping the record of each congregation of his pastorate in a separate book which shall be the property of the congregation; and shall annually report an accurate abstract of these statistics to the Synod or to an official appointed by the Synod for that purpose, for publication in a Synodical table of Parochial Reports.

6. No minister shall preach or perform any ministerial act within the pastorate of a brother minister, except upon his request, or with his consent; nor shall he visit and preach or perform ministerial acts in a vacant pastorate except from formal invitation of the Church Council, or the consent or appointment of the President of the Synod.

7. A clergyman on the roll of Synod not engaged in regular ministerial work for a period of two or more years as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article shall be requested to deposit his ordination papers with the President of Synod until such time as he shall desire to resume the active office of the ministry, thus conforming to the action of the United Lutheran Church in America.

8. If any minister in good and regular standing in the Synod enters a field of labor within some Synod in the same fellowship of faith with this Synod he shall, upon application to the President, be entitled to, and the President shall furnish him with, a certificate of honorable dismissal; but until formally received into membership of the Synod to which he has been dismissed he shall be fully amenable to this Synod.

9. It shall be the duty of every pastor, when members of his pastorate remove into bounds of another, to urge such members to connect themselves with the congregation into whose territory they have moved; to notify immediately the pastor of said pastorate of such removal; and, upon application, to furnish certificate of transfer to such as are entitled to the same.

10. All ministers of the Synod shall attend all meetings of the Synod and Conference to which they belong. In case of unavoilable absence the absentee shall send to the Secretary an excuse of his absence; and nothing shall be regarded as a valid excuse except the most urgent necessity and positive inability to attend. Repeated absence without valid excuse shall subject the absentee to discipline.

Section 2, Licentiates

1. In case of a lack of ordained ministers available to serve all the pastorates of the Synod, or for special pastoral service as need may arise, theological students, of general qualifications fitted for the ministry and having satisfactorily passed the first and second years in an accepted Theological Seminary of the Lutheran Church may be licensed by the Synod to preach and perform ministerial acts in charge of pastorates to which they may have been regularly called, or appointed by the President of the Synod as supply pastors for a period of time, on condition, however, that such licentiates agree to return to a Theological Seminary after a period of licensed service and complete their studies for graduation in the usual course as applicants for ordination.

2. Before accepting a call a licentiate shall obtain the consent of the President of the Synod.

3. All applications for licensure shall be made to the President of Synod and by him referred to the Examining Committee.

4. Applicants for licensure shall appear before the Examining Committee who, upon satisfactory evidence of fitness and literary qualifications, may recommend such applicants to the Synod for licensure.

5. A licentiate shall have authority to perform all ministerial acts and represent his pastorate as a clerical delegate to the Synod or Conference during the time specified in his license.

6. After a licentiate has taken charge of a pastorate he shall not leave the same during the time of his license without the consent or call of the President of the Synod.

7. All licenses issued by order of the Synod shall expire at the close of the next annual meeting of the Synod, but may, at the recommendation of the Examining Committee, be renewed for one succeeding year.

8. Every licentiate shall keep an accurate journal of his ministerial acts, which, with at least four sermons prepared and preached by him, and his certificate of licensure, he shall deliver to the President of the Synod at least three weeks before the annual meeting of the Synod, for the inspection of the Examining Committee.

9. Should the attention of the President of Synod be directed by common rumor or complaint to alleged offenses or incapacity of any licentiate of Synod, he shall investigate the matter; and, should he deem such action necessary, he shall immediately recall and annul the license of such licentiate.

ARTICLE EIGHT

THE CONGREGATION

1. It shall be the duty of the Church Council or Councils of every pastorate belonging to the Synod to appoint annually from its communicant members in good standing a lay delegate who shall represent the pastorate at all meetings of Synod and of Conference and submit his report to the pastorate; and the congregation or pastorate shall arrange to pay his and their pastor's expenses incurred by their full attendance upon such meetings. It may also appoint an alternate to take the place of the regular delegate in his absence.

2. Every congregation belonging to the Synod, as it has a share in all its acts and supervisions, shall comply with the Constitution, By-Laws, decisions and recommendations of the Synod and local Conference, and conform its public worship and ministrations to the order used by the United Lutheran Church in America and approved by the Synod. It shall observe and make systematic effort to meet at least the apportionment for all objects to the Treasurer of Synod, and afford to all its members a regular channel of contributions for the benevolent operations of the church, the minimum amount being indicated by a budget of apportionment by Synod to the congregation. It shall make earnest effort to pay such amounts into the Synodical Treasury in monthly installments. It shall make due and liberal provisions for the ministration of the Word and the Sacraments, endeavor to hold at least one service every Lord's Day and see that the pastor is properly supported; and make all necessary provision for the promotion of piety in its families and for the Christian training of the young.

3. In cases of vacancy, difficulty or strife in a congregation the Church Council shall seek the advice and instruction of the President of Synod.

4. In case of strife or division, should any part of a congregation or pastorate belonging to the Synod reject the faith set forth in Article One, Section II, or revolt against the Constitutional provisions or its obligations as a member of the Synod, that part of the congregation or pastorate, whether majority or minority of its membership, which continues in unity with the Synod and its faith shall be recognized as the lawful congregation or pastorate.

5. No congregation shall make any enactments in conflict with this Constitution, or with the accepted regulations of the United Lutheran Church in America.

6. Should a pastor resign, the Church Council shall receive the letter of resignation and at once report the fact to the President of Synod.

ARTICLE NINE

DISCIPLINE

Section 1, Offenses

The offenses for which members of the Synod shall be subject to discipline are:

1. Preaching or teaching doctrine in conflict with the faith set forth in Article One, Section II.

2. Conduct incompatible with moral purity, or with the character of the ministerial office.

3. Wilful disregard or violation of the Constitution, authority and resolutions of the Synod.

Section 2, Penalties

I. The penalties which may be imposed upon ministers are:

1. Private censure and admonition by the President.

2. Public censure and admonition in any session of the Synod or Conference.

3. Suspension from the functions and office of the ministry for a designated period, or until there is satisfactory evidence of repentance and amendment.

4. Exclusion from membership in the Synod.

5. Deposition from the ministerial office.

II. Should any congregation or pastorate belonging to the Synod turn away from the faith set forth in Article One, Section II, neglect or refuse to exercise proper discipline over its members after due admonition by the President of the Synod; disparage the cause of the Christian Church and the upbuilding of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ through applied benevolences, it shall be excluded from membership in the Synod.

Section 3, Process Against a Minister

A. The Bringing of Charges

1. By a Congregation. If a serious accusation be lodged in writing against a minister before a Church Council by at least six voting members of a congregation, unless otherwise provided for by the Constitution of the Congregation, the Church Council shall confer with him about the same and shall endeavor to obviate all just cause of complaint and to reconcile all parties; nor shall any further steps be taken until all proper efforts to this end on the part of the Church Council have been exhausted.

If in the judgment of the Church Council a Prima Facie case has been made out against the minister, it shall report its findings in writing to the President of the Synod, specifing the charges, which must, however, be founded on the prescribed testimony of at least two credible witnesses. If the Church Council shall ignore the accusation, the members of the congregation who have brought the charges may in like manner lay them before the President of the Synod.

If a minister be charged with some specific sin not in the manner aforesaid, but by widespread rumor which is not transient, but which continues and strengthens, the Church Council shall endeavor to remove the scandal; and if it fails or finds evidence of guilt, it shall at once report the case to the President of the Synod.

2. By members of the Synod. Three members of the Synod may prefer charges against a minister, but such charges must be specific, in writing and signed by them.

3. By the President of The Synod. Should the attention of the President of the Synod be directed by rumor or complaint to alleged offenses on the part of any of its members, he shall immediately investigate the matter and endeavor to remove any cause for complaint or scandal.

Should he fail in his efforts, or should he deem such action necessary, he shall appoint a committee of investigation as hereinafter provided.

B. The Preliminary Investigation In Cases That May Require a Formal Trial

1. If any accusation against a minister of the Synod be lodged with the President by a congregation, or by three members of the Synod, he shall at once communicate with the accused respecting the matter, and, if the accused shall desire an investigation, or the nature of the accusation be such as to call for it, the President shall order such investigation by the Conference, or he may appoint a committee for that purpose, and cite the accused to appear before said committee to answer to the charge.

2. When such investigation is appointed, a copy of the complaint against the accused shall be furnished him by the President, allowing him not less than ten days between the time of his citation and the time appointed for the hearing; and if the accused should refuse or fail to appear without presenting adequate reasons why the investigation should be deferred to another time, it shall proceed in the same manner as if he were present.

3. If the findings in such an investigation show gross immorality, the same shall at once be reported to the President of the Synod, who shall immediately suspend him from the office and functions of the ministry until his case has been finally decided by the Synod.

4. If the findings of the investigations show sufficient evidence of guilt, besides reporting the case to the President, the Conference or committee making the investigation shall formulate the charges and specifications against the accused and the President of the Synod shall furnish a copy to the accused not less than twenty days before the meeting of the Synod, at the same time citing him to appear at the said meeting, when his case shall be heard and decided.

C. Trial

1. When charges have been brought against a minister of the Synod and the preliminary investigation has shown that a formal trial is necessary, the President shall report the matter to the next annual meeting of the Synod, or to a special meeting called for the purpose and the case shall be referred to a Committee on Discipline consisting of not less than seven members. The charges and specifications against the accused shall be presented in his presence, if he desire it. The accused shall have the right and opportunity to be fully heard and to call witnesses in his own defense, and may be represented by counsel, who, however, shall be members of congregations belonging to the Synod. The Committee on Discipline shall hear all relevant testimony and shall present its findings to Synod. If the findings be adverse to the accused, it shall recommend the penalty to be inflicted. Only those

shall vote who have not brought the charges in the case. The findings of the Committee may be adopted and the penalty determined by a majority vote of the Synod; but the accused may appeal from the findings of the Committee, in which case he shall be tried by the Synod in exclusive session, and the method of procedure shall be the same as before the Committee on Discipline. In case of such appeal all penalties may be suspended until the case has been tried and determined by the Synod.

2. When a minister is charged with teaching or preaching doctrines which are in conflict with Article One, Section II, of this Constitution, the Committee on Discipline shall consist entirely of minsters and shall report its findings to the Synod. But the accused may appeal to the said Synod against the findings of the Committee, in which case the Synod shall proceed to try the charges. In acting on the report of the Committee on Discipline or in its trial of charges, the Synod shall take a vote on two counts: First: is the doctrine specified in conflict with Article One, Section II? Second, is the accused guilty of teaching or preaching such doctrine? The guilt of the accused shall be determined only on a two-thirds vote on the first count, and upon a majority vote on the second count. The Committee shall then report its decision to the Synod, which shall determine the penalty by a majority vote; but the penalty shall not be less than a suspension from the ministry, which shall continue until such time as the accused shall have made full recantation of the errors which he has been suspended.

3. When the Synod has made full decision in the case of the trial of the minister, the President of the Synod shall at once announce the decision, whether guilty or not guilty. If guilty the President shall pronounce the sentence in the presence of the body; also, if possible, in the presence of the person adjudged guilty, and a copy of the sentence shall be given him.

4. If in any case new evidence shall be presented to the President which shall be sufficient in his judgment to warrant a new trial, he shall present the evidence to the Synod, and the latter shall decide whether the case shall be reopened. When the penalty imposed has been greater than that of public or private censure, he shall at once call a special meeting of the Synod to consider the matter.

5. The proceedings, in case of discipline, shall not be published in part or in whole before the final decision is reached and the result officially declared.

D. Appeal From Congregational Discipline

The administration of discipline in a congregation is governed by the congregation's Constitution, but the pastor or member of any congregation belonging to Synod may appeal to the Synod from the disciplinary action of the congregation. All such appeals whether on the part of the pastor or a member of the congregation must be made in writing to the President of the Synod within thirty days after the action has been taken. A copy of said appeal shall be promptly transmitted by the appellant to the officers of the congregation, nor shall the appeal be entertained unless there is evidence that the same has been

received by said officers. Upon receiving such appeal the President of the Synod shall refer the matter for investigation and determination to the Conference with which the congregation is connected, or to a special Committee appointed by him. All relevant testimony shall be heard in such investigation. The decision or finding of the Conference shall be reported to the President of the Synod and shall be final unless the Synod, at its subsequent meeting, shall determine otherwise.

E. Members Under Discipline

1. No minister or layman while under discipline or sentence of suspension shall hold any office in the Synod, or serve as a delegate, director or trustee under its appointment; and every committee, board, or delegation or body of appointees constituted by the Synod shall see to the enforcement of this rule.

2. It shall also be the duty of all pastors and congregations belonging to the Synod to respect the disciplinary action of the Synod; and for any pastor or congregation to set aside or disregard any such disciplinary action shall be deemed a violation of order which shall subject the offender to discipline.

ARTICLE TEN

Incorporation and Seal

1. The Synod shall be incorporated.

2. The Seal of Synod presents an open Bible above which is the figure of the descending dove, emblem of peace and hope of eternal life, within a circle which bears in raised letters the name "Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States."

3. The Seal of Synod shall be in charge of the President of the Synod who shall affix it or cause it to be affixed to all documents, certificates, deeds, legal papers, or official copies of resolutions, licenses, etc., requiring the seal of Synod.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

Constitution and By-Laws, Amendment

1. The provisions and ordinances contained in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Synod, in so far as the same are severally applicable, shall be of like meaning and effect in the government of the Synod and the Conferences.

2. Section 2 of Article One (subject, the Doctrinal Basis) of this Constitution shall not be altered or amended by this Synod.

3. Other articles of the Constitution of this Synod may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular annual meeting provided that such proposed amendment be moved and presented in writing by not less than five clerical members at a previous regular annual meeting.

4. This Synod may adopt By-Laws for the transaction of its business provided they do not conflict with this constitution. These By-

Laws may be suspended or amended at any convention of the Synod by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

5. Everything in any By-Law, resolution, or enactment of Synod differing from or in conflict with this constitution is hereby superceded and repealed.

BY-LAWS

I. General

1. Every pastor shall prepare an annual parochial report according to blanks furnished by the Synod, and all pastors and congregations shall send their parochial reports to the Statistical Secretary on or before the first day of February.

2. The Synodical year shall close with the calendar year.

3. Ministers having removed from the bounds of the Synod are urged to unite with the Synod within whose bounds they reside.

4. No letters of transfer to other denominations shall be granted to ministers of this Synod. But if one who has received aid in preparation for the ministry from any Synod of the United Lutheran Church should desire to depart from the Lutheran ministry, in case he has served less than ten years in our ministry, no certificate of character shall be granted until he has fulfilled his obligations to the Synod which aided him.

5. It shall be the duty of every congregation in the Synod to raise the full amount of their apportionment for benevolence whether they have a pastor or not.

6. A vacant pastorate shall settle its financial obligations to the retiring pastor before electing another, or engaging a stated supply, except if in the judgment of the President it shall be deemed otherwise.

7. In all pastorates composed of two or more congregations their relationships shall not be dissolved without the consent of the Synod. In no case shall a pastor be called by any part of a pastorate, or resign any part of a pastorate, but in all cases the call and resignation shall be a transaction of business conducted by the Joint Council of the Pastorate.

8. The territory of this Synod shall be divided into three conference districts to be known as the Eastern, the Southern, and the Western. It is recommended that at least one meeting of each conference be held in the fall of each year.

9. Every pastor upon accepting a call to a pastorate within this Synod shall be installed on the first Sunday of such relationship or as soon thereafter as possible.

10. All papers of special importance to be presented to the Synod by the President, or otherwise, must be in his hands on or before the opening of the Synod to be properly arranged and numbered by the Secretary ready to be referred to the proper committee by the President.

11. When requests for appropriations are made from the floor of the convention, they shall be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and report.

II. Executive Committee

1. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer of Synod shall be the officers of the Executive Committee.

2. The Executive Committee shall meet three times a year, including a meeting at Synod, and special meetings may be called by the President as necessity may require.

3. The Lutheran Camp shall be operated under the direction and control of the Executive committee.

4. The Executive Committee at the first meeting after the Synodical convention shall secure bids and select the printer for the Kansas Synod Lutheran.

5. The Executive Committee shall receive and let bids for the printing of the minutes of Synod.

6. The Executive Committee shall examine the roll of Synod each year at a meeting preceding the convention of Synod and shall submit definite instructions to that body as to any names that should be excluded.

III. The President

1. The President is instructed to see that the expenses of retired ministers to Synod, financially unable to attend the meeting of Synod, be paid out of the Synodical Treasury.

2. The President and Secretary of Synod, or duly appointed representatives, are authorized to attend obsequies of members of Synod within the territory of Synod, and their expenses shall be paid out of the treasury of Synod unless otherwise provided for.

3. The President of Synod shall be ex-officio a member of and the chairman of the delegation to the biennial conventions of the United Lutheran Church in America.

4. The President shall appoint a committee to audit the books of the treasurer at a reasonable time before the meeting of Synod; who shall have their report ready immediately following his report.

5. The President shall be authorized to call together any or all committees or Synodical Trustees of the Synod as soon after the convention as deemed advisable for the purpose of formulating programs for those committees to carry out during the year to follow.

IV The Secretary

1. The secretary shall receive $25.00 annually for his services.

2. The Secretary of Synod shall secure from the Publication House and keep on hand a supply of blank letters of transfer of Church memmers, and shall supply every pastor with them when requested. He shall also keep on hand a supply of "Pastor's Call", both to be paid for, by the Synod.

3. A copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of Synod shall be sent

to every new member of Synod by the Secretary, so that he may acquaint himself with the rules and regulations of this Synod. A copy shall be sent to the Secretaries of all church councils in the Synod, to be kept on file with other documents of their office.

4. In order to prevent any mistakes in the records of the printed minutes of Synod, the Secretary shall put in carefully written form the minutes of each session before their reading at the opening of any subsequent session of the convention; the minutes of the last session to be read before adjournment, and the said approved minutes shall be the official guide of the Protocol Committee.

5. The reports of all officers, boards, committees, together with all resolutions and motions, shall be presented to the convention in carefully written or printed form.

6. The retiring Secretary shall compile and have charge of the printing and distribution of the minutes.

V. The Treasurer

1. The Treasurer of Synod and the Committee on Ministerial Education are hereby authorized to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to pay the students dependent on the Synod for their support the sums promised them at such times during the Synodical year as the exigencies of the case may require.

2. The bonded Treasurer of the Synod shall be the ex-officio Treasurer of the home missions committee.

3. The Treasurer shall receive $25.00 annually for his services.

VI. Statistician

1. The statistical secretary shall receive $25.00 annually for his services.

2. The Synod shall instruct its officers to notify all pastors and congregations that they are required by synodical membership to make full and correct statistical reports annually, according to standard blanks furnished by the Church, and that the statistical secretary of the synod is required to make a summary report from those parochial reports, to the United Lutheran Church in America, not later than March 1st each year. These parochial reports should be in the hands of the statistical secretary of the Synod not later than Feb. 1, of each year, and failure to comply with this requirement is subject to censure.

VII. Committees and Boards

1. A standing committee on Necrology shall be appointed to prepare suitable memorials for deceased members and arrange for appropriate memorial services to be held during the convention of Synod.

2. The Examining Committee shall meet on the day before the first business session of the Synod, and all applicants for licensure or ordination are required to meet the Committee for examination at such time as they may be notified by the convener of the committee.

3. The amount paid any student by this Synod annually shall not exceed $250.00. The Ministerial Education committee shall be allowed to aid any student they see fit, aside from those designated by the

Synod, provided the funds be in their hands to do so.

4. At all Synodical committee meetings each member shall present his expense account to the Secretary and the same shall be recorded on the Secretary's minutes of that committee meeting.

5. Members of elective committees of Synod shall be eligible for one re-election only.

6. Travel expenses required by pastors or laymen in connection with Synodical work shall be at the rate of three cents per mile where private automobile is used. Actual railroad fare shall be allowed those travelling by rail. Necessary expenses for hotel and meals shall also be allowed.

7. The Synod shall propose six members, three ministers and three laymen, as its representatives on the Board of Trustees of Midland College whose traveling expenses in attendance upon the meetings of the Board shall be paid by the Synod. The Trustees shall elect their chairman. This committee shall give to the Executive Committee of Synod a report of each meeting and make an annual report of the proceedings of the board to the Synod.

8. The Synod shall select two members, one minister and one layman, as its representatives on the Board of Trustees of Tabitha Home, whose travelling expenses in attendance to regular Board meetings shall be paid by the Synod. The trustees shall select their chairman. This committee shall give to the Executive Committee of Synod a report of each Board meeting and make an annual report of the Board to Synod.

9 A committee on Claims shall be appointed each year by the President. All bills against the Synod not previously allowed shall be presented to this committee which shall report the same to Synod. The treasurer is authorized to pay all such bills as are allowed by the Synod.

10. A committee on Synodical Constitution shall become a standing committee of the Synod, instructed to note what changes may occur in the Constitution by actions of Synod and have same ready for printing and inclusion each fifth year in the Minutes of Synod.

VIII. Convention

1. This Synod shall meet annually on or about the second Tuesday after Easter.

2. The morning devotional services of the Synod shall be in charge of one person appointed in advance.

3. The Synodical Communion service shall be held on the first day of the meeting of Synod immediately after the annual sermon by the President.

4. Delegates to the biennial convention of the United Lutheran Church shall receive $3.50 per diem toward their expenses.

IX. Official Paper

1. The Editor of the Kansas Synod Lutheran shall be elected by Synod and is empowered to select his associates. The Editor shall receive $25 annually for his services.